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In this Thursday, June 30, 2016, file photo, State Sen. Hannah-Beth Jackson, D-Santa Barbara, responds to a question from Sen. Anthony Cannella R-Ceres, at the Capitol in Sacramento, Calif.

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# Pentagon's immigrant recruit program stymied

By **LOLITA C. BALDOR, Associated Press**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Stricter Trump administration immigration policies have stymied Pentagon plans to restart a program that allowed thousands of people with critical medical or Asian and African language skills to join the military and become American citizens, according to several U.S. officials.

The decade-old program has been on hold since 2016 amid concerns that immigrant recruits were not being screened well enough, and security threats were slipping through the system. Defense officials shored up the vetting process, and planned to relaunch the program earlier this month. But there was an unexpected barrier when Homeland Security officials said they would not be able to protect new immigrant recruits from being deported when their temporary visas expired after they signed a contract to join the military, the U.S. officials said. They were not authorized to publicly describe internal discussions and spoke on condition of anonymity. The program is called Military Accessions Vital to the National Interest program, or MAVNI. The plan to restart it was backed by Defense Secretary Jim Mattis, who believes that noncitizens can bring key skills, language abilities, and cultural knowledge to the military.

Mattis, a combat veteran of multiple war tours, has fought with and commanded foreign nationals, and he believes their service adds to the lethality of America's fighting force, according to the officials. The Pentagon chief told reporters late last month that the program is designed to enlist immigrants with needed skills. "We need and want every qualified patriot willing to serve and able to serve," Mattis said. At the time, he said the department was working diligently to address the security screening problems. When asked about the lat-

est developments, Air Force Maj. Carla Gleason, a Pentagon spokeswoman, said, "the unique skill sets these

on immigration, both legal and illegal, an important element of his administration. Asked about the issue, a

the program in 2016 after several classified assessments concluded that it "was vulnerable to an un-

stalled in the intake process, waiting a year or more to get through the updated screening.

Dozens of the immigrant recruits were discharged or had their contracts canceled as the background checks dragged on, leading to complaints and lawsuits. Defense officials said the delays were likely because the remaining applicants required more complicated security checks that take longer to complete.

In response to the suits, the Army stopped processing discharges last month and reinstated at least three dozen recruits who had been thrown out of the service.

Officials said the Pentagon is exploring other ways to adjust or replace the program in order to bring immigrants with those skills into the military. But the officials said it will be difficult and that it probably will take a good deal of time.

The struggle with the program comes as the administration has imposed more stringent rules for immigration, aimed largely at the country's border with Mexico.

Those moves reflect Trump's calculation that his promise to end illegal immigration and build a wall along that border fueled his election, and that stressing the same issues will drive voters to the polls and help the GOP retain its majorities in the Senate and House.

The MAVNI program, however, is not targeted at Spanish speakers, because the military has a large number of those. Instead, according to the Pentagon, the top languages spoken by recruits brought in through the program are Korean, Chinese Mandarin, Nepalese, Hindi, Swahili, Tagalog, French, Yoruba, Russian and Portuguese Brazilian. □



In this Oct. 30, 2017, file photo, Secretary of Defense Jim Mattis, testifies during a Senate Foreign Relations Committee on Capitol Hill in Washington.

Associated Press.

individuals bring is one of the reasons the U.S. military is the world's premier fighting force." She had no comment on the internal discussions to relaunch the program.

The officials familiar with the discussions said Homeland Security told the Pentagon that it would not be able to sign any agreement blocking the deportation of the immigrant recruits brought in under the program.

In previous years, the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service used an informal process to give MAVNI recruits protection when their temporary or student visas expired because they were entering military service. In addition, Congress included new restrictions in the 2019 defense bill that limit each military service to 1,000 such recruits per year. President Donald Trump has made tighter controls

Homeland Security official said recruits without legal immigration status would be subject to deportation, but each case is reviewed individually. The official spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss internal deliberations.

Over the past 10 years, the military services have recruited more than 10,000 immigrants through the program.

In recent years, however, the program has been mired in controversy amid growing concerns about security threats and struggles to develop a proper screening process.

According to court documents, more than 20 people in the program have been the subject of FBI or Pentagon counterintelligence or criminal investigations since 2013.

Gleason said the Defense Department suspended

acceptable level of risk from insider threats such as espionage, terrorism, and other criminal activity."

Army Secretary Mark Esper, another advocate of the program, said recently that about of 80 percent of MAVNI recruits who have gone through screening were approved and enlisted into the service. But he added that the Army must "exercise due diligence, to make sure we understand who is coming into our ranks and just do that. The process is never quick enough, certainly for them, and for me as well."

Since the program's suspension in 2016, hundreds of immigrants have been

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## California is 1st state to require women on corporate boards

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### Associated Press

**SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)**

— California has become the first state to require publicly traded companies to include women on their boards of directors, one of a series of laws boosting or protecting women that Gov. Jerry Brown signed Sunday.

The measure requires at least one female director on the board of each California-based public corporation by the end of next year. Companies would need up to three female directors by the end of 2021, depending on the number of board seats.

The Democratic governor referenced the objections and legal concerns that the law has raised. The California Chamber of Commerce has said the policy will be difficult for companies to implement and violates constitutional prohibitions against discrimination. "I don't minimize the potential flaws that indeed may prove fatal to its ultimate implementation," Brown wrote in a signing statement. "Nevertheless, recent events in Washington, D.C. — and beyond — make it crystal clear that

many are not getting the message." It is one of several measures affecting women that Brown signed Sunday, his last opportunity to approve or veto laws before the term-limited governor leaves office. He also approved legislation requiring smaller employers to provide sexual harassment training and banning secret settlements related to sexual assault and harassment.

It comes as the #MeToo movement against sexual misconduct led to a reckoning nationwide that has ousted men from power. The latest high-profile allegations are against Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh, who has denied decades-old claims of sexual misconduct from three women.

The author of the California measure, SB 826, said she believes having more women in power could help reduce sexual assault and harassment in the workplace.

Having more women on corporate boards also will make companies more successful, state Sen. Hannah-Beth Jackson said. Women tend to be more collaborative and are better at multitasking, the San-

ta Barbara Democrat said. A fourth of publicly held corporations with headquarters in California don't have any women on their boards of directors. These companies have not done enough to increase the number of women on their boards despite the Legislature's urging, making government intervention necessary, Jackson said.

"This is one of the last bastions of total male domination," she said. "We know that the public and business are not being well-

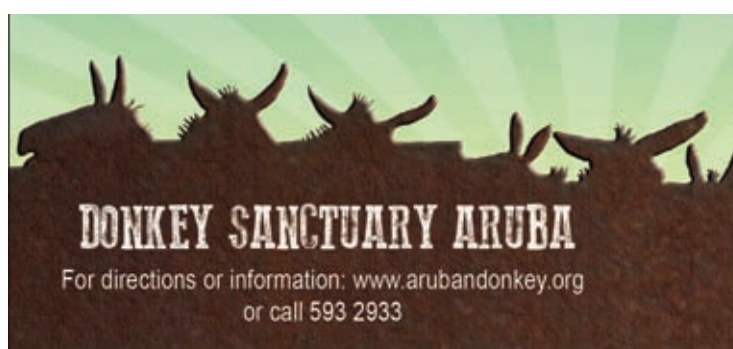
served by this level of discrimination." The California Chamber of Commerce argued that the composition of corporate boards should be determined internally, not mandated by government. The chamber said the new law will prioritize gender over other aspects of diversity, such as race and ethnicity.

"It creates a challenge for a board on achieving broader diversity goals," said Jennifer Barrera, senior vice president for policy at the chamber.

The law applies to companies that report having their principal executive offices in California. Companies can be fined \$100,000 for a first violation and \$300,000 for subsequent violations.

The law also requires companies to report their board composition to the California secretary of state and imposes a \$100,000 fine if a company fails to do so.

Some European countries, including Norway and France, already mandate that corporate boards include women. □



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## New Tesla chair must rein in CEO Musk at key moment

By **CHRISTOPHER RUGABER**, AP Economics Writer

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — It won't be an easy job. Whoever becomes the new chairman of Tesla Motors will face the formidable task of reining in Elon Musk, the charismatic, visionary chief executive with an impulsive streak, while also helping Musk achieve his dream of turning Tesla into a profitable, mass-market producer of environmental-friendly electric cars. Musk is giving up the chairman's role under a settlement announced Saturday with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Besides a new chairman, Tesla was also ordered to appoint two new, independent members to its board.



In this Dec. 14, 2016, file photo, Tesla CEO Elon Musk listens as President-elect Donald Trump speaks during a meeting with technology industry leaders at Trump Tower in New York.

Associated Press.

A more assertive board could provide the kind of tighter oversight that many legal experts, and Tesla investors, say is overdue for a company of Tesla's market

value. The settlement stemmed from a lawsuit the SEC filed charging Musk with misleading investors in August with a tweet that said he

had "funding secured" for taking the company private.

Yet a more forceful board, coupled with a domineering CEO like Musk, could create conflicts at a risky time for the company. Company founders such as Apple's Steve Jobs and Twitter's Jack Dorsey have been forced out by strong boards of directors, though both eventually returned to their companies. Musk did not found Tesla but provided early financing.

Even with the settlement, Tesla faces a daunting array of challenges.

The Justice Department has opened its own investigation into Musk's Aug. 7 tweet, in which he said he would take the company private

at \$420 a share. The SEC's lawsuit charged that the tweet, which caused Tesla's shares to jump, was misleading because he did not actually have the funding lined up for such a move.

Tesla is also under heavy pressure to turn a profit because it is burning through \$1 billion in cash every three months and, as of the end of June, had just \$2.2 billion in the bank.

Musk has said the company needs to produce 7,000 cars a week to make money, a target he aimed to reach in the July-September quarter.

The company is likely to report production numbers this week and financial results from that quarter in early November. □

## Kavanaugh case unfolds as DeVos readies sexual assault rule



In this Oct. 30, 2017, file photo, Secretary of Defense Jim Mattis, testifies during a Senate Foreign Relations Committee on Capitol Hill in Washington.

By **MARIA DANILOVA**, Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Choking back tears, she testified that he sexually assaulted her. Defensive and angry and choking back tears, he swore that he did not. The dramatic Senate testi-

mony last week by Christine Blasey Ford and Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh came as Education Secretary Betsy DeVos considers new guidelines that could drastically change the way allegations of sexual violence are investigat-

ed on college campuses. Brett Sokolow, a lawyer who heads an association of sexual harassment investigators on campuses, said his colleagues closely watched the hearing and may use it for future trainings.

"If this was a student, would I believe them, would I not?" Sokolow said. "Who comes out being credible?"

DeVos has argued that the policy put in place under President Barack Obama is skewed against the accused. She is expected to issue new rules in the near future.

At stake is whether schools should require higher standards of evidence when handling complaints and whether both parties should have access to that evidence. Also under review is the use of mediators and

the possibility of the accuser and the accused cross-examining each other.

DeVos' new guidelines are expected to address whether schools should have to investigate as soon as they are aware of alleged misconduct or only after a student files a formal complaint.

Many victims of sexual violence never take that step. Ford didn't, and only acted decades later when she learned that Kavanaugh was on a short list for the Supreme Court.

Advocates point to the Larry Nassar sexual assault scandal at Michigan State University and say that victims are shocked and unwilling to relive their traumatic experience. They say it should be the school's responsibility to investigate. "It is the debate that we are having about how to

handle these allegations on high school and college campuses," said Mike Petrilli, president of the conservative Thomas B. Fordham Institute.

A Senate vote on Kavanaugh's nomination was delayed for a week so the FBI could investigate after GOP Sen. Jeff Flake of Arizona, a pivotal vote, called for further investigation. A few hours earlier on Friday, Flake had said he would support Kavanaugh, a federal appeals court judge.

Ford, a California psychology professor, has accused Kavanaugh of pinning her to a bed while he was intoxicated, trying to remove her clothes and placing a hand over her mouth as she tried to yell for help. Ford says the incident took place more than 35 years ago when they both were in high school. □



## 3rd Kavanaugh accuser has history of legal disputes

By **MICHAEL KUNZELMAN, MICHAEL BIESECKER and MARTHA MENDOZA, Associated Press**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Julie Swetnick, one of the women who has publicly accused Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh of sexual misconduct, has an extensive history of involvement in legal disputes, including a lawsuit in which an ex-employer accused her of falsifying her college and work history on her job application.

Legal documents from Maryland, Oregon and Florida provide a partial picture of a woman who stepped into the media glare amid the battle over Kavanaugh's nomination for the nation's highest court. Court records reviewed by The Associated Press show Swetnick has been involved in at least six legal cases over the past 25 years. Along with the lawsuit filed by a former employer in November 2000, the cases include a personal injury suit she filed in 1994 against the Washington, D.C., regional transit authority.

Her lawyer, Michael Avenatti, told the AP that court cases involving her have no bearing on the credibility of her claims about Kavanaugh. Avenatti said the suit from her ex-employer — it was dismissed a month after it was filed — was “completely bogus, which is why it was dismissed almost immediately.” He told AP that he “fully vetted” Swetnick before helping her take her claims against Kavanaugh public. Avenatti released a sworn statement by Swetnick this past week in which she says she witnessed Kavanaugh “consistently engage in excessive drinking and inappropriate contact of a sexual nature with women in the early 1980s.” In the statement, which was provided to the Senate Judiciary Committee, Swetnick said she had been sexually assaulted at a party attended by members of Kavanaugh's social circle, but did not accuse

him of assaulting her. Two other women have publicly accused Kavanaugh of sexually abusing them.

One of those women, Christine Blasey Ford, appeared before the Senate Judiciary Committee on Thursday to offer emotional testimony that even Kavanaugh's most ardent backers, including Trump, said they found credible. Another woman, Deborah Ramirez, has accused Kavanaugh of exposing himself to her during a drunken party when both were students at Yale University. Friends and colleagues of Ramirez describe her as a quiet person who has dedicated herself to being an advocate for needy families and survivors of domestic violence. Swetnick was the third named Kavanaugh accuser to emerge, when Avenatti released details of her accusations on Twitter on the eve of Ford's testimony. Kavanaugh has denied the claims regarding him made by Swetnick and other women, characterizing some of the allegations as a “joke” and a “farce.” Ann Simonton, a nationally recognized advocate for rape survivors and director of Media Watch, a media literacy organization, cautioned that many sexual abuse survivors encounter chaos and trouble later in life — things can tarnish a survivor's image but don't necessarily speak to the legitimacy of the underlying abuse allegations. “This type of trauma will impact your daily life forever,” she said. Swetnick, who is from the Maryland suburbs of Washington, D.C., has said she is willing to be interviewed by either Congress or the FBI. On Twitter, Avenatti wrote that he and Swetnick would “thoroughly enjoy” embarrassing Republicans on the Judiciary Committee this weekend “when her story is told and is deemed credible.” Swetnick has taped an interview with “The Circus,” a political program that is part of Showtime's Sunday lineup. Some details of the legal disputes she's been

involved in aren't known, because documents in the cases are incomplete or no longer available. Records in the lawsuit filed in late 2000 by her ex-employer, Oregon-based software company Webtrends, don't indicate why it was dismissed. Avenatti said there was a settlement in the case but no money changed hands.

In its civil complaint in a state court in Oregon, the company said Swetnick, a software engineer, was an employee for a few weeks before its human resources department received a report that she had engaged in “unwelcome sexual innuendo and inappropriate conduct” toward two male co-workers at a busi-

ness lunch. The lawsuit said that Swetnick in turn accused Webtrends of subjecting her to “physically and emotionally threatening and hostile conditions” and that she claimed that she'd been sexually harassed by four co-workers. The co-workers denied the allegations, the suit said. Company officials later determined, the suit said, that Swetnick had provided false information on her employment application. The suit alleged that she had misrepresented the length of time she worked at a previous employer and falsely claimed that she'd earned an undergraduate degree in biology and chemistry from Johns Hopkins University. □



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## As immigrants flow across US border, American guns go south

By **LISA MARIE PANE**  
**Associated Press**

Among the thousands of immigrants who have been coming across the U.S.-Mexico border in recent months, many are seeking to escape gang and drug violence raging in their homelands. The weapon of choice used to intimidate them? Often an American-made gun.

While the flow of drugs and immigrants into the U.S. has been well-documented for decades and become a regular part of the political debate, what is often overlooked is how gangs and drug cartels exploit weaknesses at the border to smuggle guns from the U.S. into Latin America.

A 2013 report by the University of San Diego says the number of firearms smuggled from the United States was so significant that nearly half of American gun dealers rely on that business to stay afloat. On average, an estimated 253,000 firearms each year are purchased in the United States expressly to be sent to Mexico, the report said, the vast majority of the sales originating in the border states of California, Texas, New Mexico and Arizona.

Once in Mexico, the weapons end up in the hands of drug cartels or get shipped to gangs in Honduras, Guatemala and El Salvador — countries that are dealing with an epidemic of gun violence.

Armed holdups on public transportation are a regular occurrence in Honduras, where nearly half of the unregistered weapons originated in the U.S., the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives reported in recent years.



**In this Jan. 25, 2011, file photo, a cache of seized weapons that were to be smuggled into Mexico is displayed in Phoenix.**

Gun violence in El Salvador is so rampant that the country has been averaging more than one shootout a day between police and gangs this year, said Ricardo Sosa, a criminologist specializing in gangs and security in El Salvador.

"In every one of these operations, police are able to seize between two and six firearms at the scene," he said. "That is one of the indicators that the gangs are armed on many occasions with long guns and short guns for each one of their members."

Mexico last year recorded its highest number of murders in nearly two decades, with more than 31,000 people killed, higher than even during the country's drug war in 2011. It continues unabated with an average of 88 people killed each day in the first five months of this year.

The bloodshed in Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador has been a big driver

of immigration into the U.S., with the government saying nearly 16,000 families came across the border in August alone — many of them from those three countries.

Gun-control groups contend that the U.S. government is essentially exporting gang violence to Latin America with permissive gun laws — which in turn creates an immigration crisis along the border.

"If the Trump administration were serious about wanting to stop refugees from fleeing violence in Latin America and Mexico to come north, they would be doing something about the southward gun trafficking that is fueling a lot of that migration," said Adam Skaggs, chief counsel with the Giffords Law Center.

Gun-rights activists say the issue is overblown and mischaracterized.

The National Rifle Association and other gun-rights groups contend the most

effective way to combat the problem is not with stricter gun laws but by eradicating drug cartels and other criminal enterprises.

They say the numbers are inflated and that the industry has proactively sought to educate licensed gun dealers on how to detect "straw purchases," in which a firearm is bought expressly to give it to someone who otherwise would not be able to legally own a gun. "Obviously, Mexico has a huge problem with rampant corruption that clearly cannot be blamed on the U.S.," the NRA said in a position paper on the issue in 2009. "At the same time, Mexico has extremely prohibitive gun laws, yet has far worse crime than the U.S."

Under the Obama administration, federal authorities launched an operation dubbed Fast and Furious that allowed criminals to buy firearms with the in-

tention of tracking them to criminal organizations. But the ATF lost most of the guns, including two that were found at the scene of a slaying of a U.S. Border Patrol agent.

In 2011, gun dealers along the border states were required to report to the ATF anytime someone purchased two or more semi-automatic long guns in a five-day period.

President Donald Trump issued an executive order in 2017 as his response to gun trafficking, directing federal agencies to ramp up prosecution aimed at going after foreign criminals and to improve coordination among federal agencies along the border.

Nabbing the guns at the border is a challenge on several levels. They aren't as detectable as drug shipments, and they can be disassembled and loaded with legal goods making their way from the U.S.

"The effectiveness of this kind of gun smuggling still remains very high. It doesn't take a whole lot," said David Shirk, one of the University of San Diego report's authors.

Experts say a big reason gun trafficking remains one of the hot commodities flowing from the United States into Latin America is profit.

Retired ATF agent Bernard Zapor noted that an AR-platform firearm that sells retail in the U.S. for \$1,000 can fetch more than \$4,000 in Mexico. A box of ammo that might go for just under \$200 could command \$3,000.

"They're not buying grandpa's old shotgun that's been lying around and found in a shed," Zapor said. "They're buying brand new Colt AR-15s." □



# 3 dead after car explosion; perpetrator 'probably killed'

By Associated Press

**ALLENTOWN, Pa. (AP)** — A car explosion that rocked downtown Allentown left three males dead, including the likely "perpetrator," officials said Sunday as federal authorities who are leading the investigation looked ahead to autopsies. "We know there's been a criminal incident," District Attorney James Martin told reporters at a news conference Sunday. "We have a high degree of confidence that the perpetrator was probably killed in the incident."

Authorities released no information about the possible cause of Saturday night's blast, including whether it was a bomb, but Martin said,

"Loads of us in law enforcement" are confident "this was A. an isolated incident and B. there's no continuing threat."

Authorities are seeking the public's help in getting clues and asked anyone with information to call the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, which is leading



Police join members of the ATF and the FBI as they investigate North Hall Street in Allentown, Pa., Sunday, Sept. 30, 2018, after a fiery car explosion rocked the neighborhood on Saturday.

Associated Press.

the investigation.

The blast occurred a block from the PPL Center sports arena and two blocks from the popular Hamilton Street dining area in Allentown, a city of about 120,000 about 60 miles (95 kilometers) northwest of Philadelphia. The block where it occurred is a mixture of residences and small businesses, in-

cluding a restaurant and a bar.

The FBI, state police, and city and county authorities are investigating along with the ATF.

Resident Carlos Perodin told The Morning Call of Allentown that he was watching a movie with his wife when he heard a thunderous explosion and went

to the scene.

"The fire was crazy," he said. "The car was pretty much split in half."

Another witness to the aftermath of the explosion, Stephanie Connelly, told The Morning Call that she saw body parts strewn across the street.

"This is real life and I'm shaking and freaking out while I'm running," she said.

Autopsies were planned Monday on the three males found dead after the 9:30 p.m. explosion, Lehigh County Coroner Scott Grim said Sunday afternoon. Grim said he would probably be able to release the names Monday once their identities are confirmed and their families are notified. □


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## A year later, Catalonia's secession vote scars region, Spain

By ARITZ PARRA

**MADRID (AP)** — A secession vote in Spain's Catalonia region that took place amid police violence one year ago not only posed a traumatic challenge to Spanish democracy, but nearly tore apart Barcelona resident Teresa Reyes' family.

In the weeks before the unauthorized referendum that asked Catalan voters if they wanted to break away from Spain, pro-unity Reyes was unable to keep politics out of her interactions with her pro-independence son and other people she held most dear.

"We were in two irreconcilable frames of mind," the 65-year-old matriarch said, recalling Oct. 1, 2017 — when the vote that Spanish courts had banned was held — as "the worst day in my life."

Reyes says love won out over ideological differences with her son. But a year on, she keeps her contacts with fervent separatists outside of the family to a minimum.

The charged events of last fall, when years of tension and the unsettled independence question came to a head, echo in the lives of most of Catalonia's 7.5 million residents. They are heard in timid efforts to rebuild relationships at home, seen on streets still clad in political symbols and felt in the scars the breakaway attempt left on Spain's four-decade old democracy.

On Saturday, clashes between far-left separatists and Catalan police in central Barcelona left 24



**Catalan police officers cordon off the street to stop pro independence demonstrators on their way to meet demonstrations by members and supporters of National Police and Guardia Civil, as coloured powder is seen thrown by protesters, in Barcelona on Saturday, Sept. 29, 2018**

Associated Press

people injured and led to six arrests, although such episodes are an exception in a city that has hosted huge and largely peaceful rallies. Separatists have called to flood the streets again on Monday to mark last year's referendum.

Even as the push for independence continues to shape national politics, Catalonia has remained part of Spain, much to the dismay of one side and comfort of the other. A judicial investigation led to the imprisonment of some separatist leaders, while others fled Spain to avoid arrest in self-imposed exile.

But for some Catalans, the foundation for the promised republic was laid with the referendum. From a base near Brussels, the region's ex-president turned

the Spanish Supreme Court's prosecution of him into a platform for his self-determination campaign; so far, Carles Puigdemont has fought off extradition from Belgium and Germany.

Marti Puig, 32, a teacher in Catalonia, was clubbed and bruised when he and other willing voters formed a human chain to protect a school in a northern town where Puigdemont was expected to cast his ballot. Police officers forcefully stormed the facilities to crush the vote.

That violence, and Puig's resentment toward separatist politicians who weren't able to deliver on their promises, have not dimmed his resolve.

"Many of us thought there was a solid strategy" last

year, Puig said, expressing the disappointment of many secession supporters. "We still want this independence and will continue to work toward it."

Support for seceding remains high in Catalonia, despite — or because of — last year's drive and setbacks.

According to a July survey by the official Catalan polling institute, 46.7 percent of Catalans support independence and 44.9 percent oppose it, rates more or less consistent with those in other recent years.

But the "unionists" who hung Spanish national flags from balconies to oppose the referendum have emerged as a strong voice in the Catalan debate. A center-right party that was started in Catalonia to op-

pose nationalism received more votes than any other party in the election Spain's prime minister called after dissolving Puigdemont's government.

The December election in Catalonia and a no-confidence vote in the national parliament brought in main new main players. Quim Torra became Catalonia's president in a government heavily influenced by his predecessor. Socialist leader Pedro Sanchez inherited the Catalan crisis from ousted Spanish Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy and leads a vulnerable minority government. An August meeting between Torra and Sanchez was viewed as a start in repairing the damage. Since then, gestures from both sides signaled a desire for agreement; a recent deal secured the central government's commitment to make more than \$1.6 billion in overdue payments to the region.

But politicians haven't given up confrontational postures in public, and observers fear the hesitant steps toward reconciliation could derail over two issues: the status of imprisoned separatist leaders and the still-unresolved matter of the region's future, with or without Spain.

"The music and the rhetoric are very different," Andrew Dowling, a Catalan history expert at Cardiff University in Wales, said. "But there can't be any real political dialogue until the question of prisoners is addressed, because that's the big political wound for Catalan society." □



# Iraq's Kurds hold elections for regional parliament

By SALAR SALIM

Associated Press

**IRBIL, Iraq (AP)** — Iraq's self-ruled Kurdish region held its long-delayed parliamentary elections on Sunday, a year after a vote for independence sparked a punishing backlash from Baghdad, leaving Kurdish leaders deeply divided.

More than 700 candidates are vying for 111 seats in the elections, in which nearly 3.5 million Kurds were eligible to vote. Eleven seats are reserved for religious and ethnic minorities: five for Christians, five for Turkmen candidates and one for the Armenian community.

It's unclear how much change the elections could bring or whether the vote would only cement Iraqi Kurdish divisions further. Polls closed in the early evening and unofficial results were expected to start coming in later on Sunday. The last parliamentary elections in Iraq's Kurdish region were in 2013, but the assembly stopped meeting in 2015 amid internal political tensions and the war against the Islamic State group. The political deadlock also delayed new elections, which were originally planned for last November.

Iraqi Kurdish politics have long been dominated by Masoud Barzani's Kurdistan Democratic Party and the rival Patriotic Union of Kurdistan, which is riven by

infighting. Those two factions are expected to win the lion's share of the vote. By noon, turnout was low, with many blaming the regional election commission's new requirement that voters show two forms of ID. Bashdar Ali, an observer from the Shams Network for Election Observation in Iraq, said the commission issued the guidelines late Saturday night.

Iraq's Kurds established a regional government in 1992 after the U.S. enforced a no-fly zone across the north following the Gulf War. After the 2003 U.S.-led invasion that ousted Saddam Hussein, the Kurds secured constitutional recognition of their autonomy and gained more power. Since then, they have been at loggerheads with Baghdad over rights to develop and to export oil and gas as well as the so-called disputed territories — lands stretching from the Syrian border to Iran that the Kurds claim as part of their autonomous region, including the northern city of Kirkuk, a major oil hub.

The Kurds took control of Kirkuk and other disputed territories in the summer of 2014 as the Islamic State group rampaged across northern and central Iraq. But after last September's referendum, in which more than 90 percent voted for independence, federal forces retook Kirkuk and other areas with only scat-

tered fighting. The loss of the disputed territories was a major blow for Barzani, who had championed the referendum.

The Iraqi government rejected the referendum, as did Iraq's neighbors and the international community, including the United States. The Baghdad government, as well as neighboring Turkey and Iran, shut down the Kurdish region's airports and border crossings in response to the referendum. They were reopened after a federal court dismissed the referendum.

The fallout from the referendum has left Kurdish leaders bitterly divided, and has exacerbated a long-running financial crisis in the region, fueling widespread anger at the main Kurdish political



Iraqi Kurdish women cast their ballots during parliamentary elections, in Irbil, Iraq, Sunday, Sept. 30, 2018.

Associated Press

parties.

"What I am hoping for is to have a better life," Ismail Mohammed said after voting. "I am a retired man but I am asking that they fix the salaries for everybody, not only me — for all the government employees and

the poor people."

Ali Arab Sultan, a teacher, said voting is a "national and religious duty, so that we may have a better future." "Let's hope that God will change the current situation into a better one," he said. □



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# Over 800 dead in Indonesia quake and tsunami; toll may rise

By **NINIEK KARMINI**

**Associated Press**

**PALU, Indonesia (AP)** —

Rescuers struggled Sunday to reach victims in several large coastal towns in Indonesia that were hit by an earthquake and tsunami, and authorities feared that the toll of more than 800 confirmed dead would rise. With the area largely cut off by damaged roads and downed communications lines, military and commercial aircraft were delivering some aid and supplies to the hard-hit city of Palu on the island of Sulawesi, and others in the region.

But there was a desperate need for heavy equipment to reach possible survivors buried in collapsed buildings, including an eight-story hotel in Palu where voices were heard in the rubble. A 25-year-old woman was found alive during the evening in the ruins of the Roa-Roa Hotel, according to the National Search and Rescue Agency, which released photos of the her lying on a stretcher covered in a blanket.

At least 832 people were confirmed killed by the quake and tsunami that struck Friday evening, Indonesia's disaster agency said, with nearly all of those from Palu. The regencies of Donggala, Sigi and Parigi Moutong — with a combined population of 1.2 million — had yet to be fully assessed.

"The death toll is believed to be still increasing, since many bodies were still under the wreckage, while many have not been reached," said disaster agency spokesman Sutopo Purwo Nugroho.

Bodies covered in blue and yellow tarps lined the streets of Palu, and officials said they were digging a mass grave for at least 300 of the dead.

It was not immediately known when the burial would take place, but "this must be done as soon as possible for health and religious reasons," said Willem Rampangilei, head of the National Disaster Mitigation Agency. Most of Palu's residents are Muslim.



**People survey the damage of a shopping mall following earthquakes and tsunami in Palu, Central Sulawesi, Indonesia, Sunday, Sept. 30, 2018.**

**Associated Press**

The cries from beneath the Roa-Roa Hotel, which appeared to have toppled over with its walls splintered like pickup sticks, went silent by Sunday afternoon. Officials had estimated about 50 people could be inside.

"We are trying our best. Time is so important here to save people," said Muhammad Syaugi, head of the national search and rescue team. "Heavy equipment is on the way."

Metro TV showed about a dozen rescuers in orange jumpsuits climbing over debris with a stretcher carrying the body of a victim from the modest business hotel.

Other rescuers worked to free a 15-year-old girl trapped under concrete in her house in Palu after it collapsed on her family during the magnitude 7.5 earthquake that spawned a tsunami.

Unable to move her legs under the rubble, Nurul Istikharah was trapped beside her dead mother and niece. Rescuers also tried to control water from a leaking pipe, fearing she would drown.

Istikharah was unconscious

during part of the effort to free her, but rescuers kept talking to her to try to keep her awake. Others offered her food and water.

Indonesian President Joko "Jokowi" Widodo toured Palu on Sunday and said rescuers were having difficulty reaching victims because of a shortage of heavy equipment.

"There are many challenges," Jokowi said. "We have to do many things soon, but conditions do not allow us to do so."

He said authorities were deploying more heavy machinery so emergency workers can help recover more victims Monday.

The stricken areas also needed medical supplies, fuel, fresh water and experts.

It was the latest natural disaster to hit Indonesia, which is frequently struck by earthquakes, volcanic eruptions and tsunamis because of its location on the "Ring of Fire," an arc of volcanoes and fault lines in the Pacific Basin. In December 2004, a massive magnitude 9.1 earthquake off Sumatra island in western Indonesia triggered a tsunami that killed 230,000 people in a

dozen countries. More recently, a powerful quake on the island of Lombok killed 505 people in August. In Donggala, the site closest to the epicenter of Friday's earthquake, aerial footage on Metro TV showed the sugary blond sands of beaches swept out to sea, along with some buildings. Some buildings in the town were severely damaged, with plywood walls shredded and chunks of concrete scattered on the pavement. Much of the damage, however, appeared limited to the waterfront.

Palu, which has more than 380,000 people, was strewn with debris from the earthquake and tsunami. A heavily damaged mosque was half submerged and a shopping mall was reduced to a crumpled hulk. A large bridge with yellow arches had collapsed.

The city is built around a narrow bay that apparently magnified the force of the tsunami as the waves raced into the tight inlet. Nugroho, the disaster agency spokesman, said waves were reported as high as 6 meters (20 feet) in some places.

Looters hit a badly damaged shopping mall, apparently unconcerned for their safety amid ongoing aftershocks and the structure's questionable stability. In one devastated area in Palu, residents said dozens of people could still be buried in their homes.

"The ground rose up like a spine and suddenly fell. Many people were trapped and buried under collapsed houses. I could do nothing to help," resident Nur Indah said, crying. "In the evening, some of them turned on their cell-phones just to give a sign that they were there. But the lights were off later and the next day."

With hundreds injured, earthquake-damaged hospitals were overwhelmed.

Nugroho said 61 foreigners were in Palu at the time of the disaster. Most were accounted for, but one South Korean was believed to be trapped in the Roa-Roa Hotel, while three others from France and one from Malaysia were missing. The survivors were to be evacuated to the Sulawesi city of Makassar in the island's far south. Communications with the area were difficult because power and telecommunications were cut, hampering rescue efforts. Most people have slept outdoors, fearing strong aftershocks.

Indonesia is a vast archipelago of more than 17,000 islands that span a distance that would stretch from New York to London. It is home to 260 million people. Roads and infrastructure are poor in many areas, making access difficult in the best of conditions.

The disaster agency has said that essential aircraft can land at Palu's airport, though AirNav, which oversees aircraft navigation, said the runway was cracked and the control tower damaged.

Sulawesi has a history of religious tensions between Muslims and Christians, with violent riots erupting in the town of Poso, not far from Palu, two decades ago. Indonesia is the world's most populous Muslim country. □





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## Denny Tamaki, critic of US bases on Okinawa, wins election

By YURI KAGEYAMA

**TOKYO (AP)** — Denny Tamaki, who campaigned criticizing the American military presence on the southwestern Japanese islands of Okinawa, won the election for governor Sunday, defeating a ruling party-backed candidate pushing the status quo.

The race was to choose a successor to Takeshi Onaga, who died in August of pancreatic cancer. He wanted the bases off Okinawa.

Tamaki, a legislator who had pledged to continue with Onaga's "spirit," thanked his supporters as his campaign office broke into a cheer and later began dancing Okinawa-style, after several major Japanese media polls, including Kyodo news service, declared him the winner.

"The strong feelings of Takeshi Onaga, risking his life to stop the construction

Japan's legislator Denny Tamaki, center, celebrates his victory with supporters in the election for Okinawa governor in Naha city, Sunday, Sept 30, 2018.

Associated Press

of any more bases, helped bring this victory," Tamaki told reporters.

He defeated Atsushi Saki-

ma, a mayor who had argued that Okinawa should work with the national government to sort out

the problem. The final vote count was not yet available. But media reports said Tamaki led in almost all

areas of Okinawa, making his win certain with the vote partially counted.

Tamaki's victory throws into further question Japan's plans for a new air base still under construction in coastal Okinawa.

Okinawa houses about half of the 54,000 American troops stationed in Japan and makes for 64 percent of the land space used by the U.S. bases, under a bilateral security treaty, according to John S. Hutcheson, spokesman for the U.S. Forces in Japan.

The arrangement has long been protested by some as an unfair burden on Okinawa, which makes up less than 1 percent of Japan's land space.

Japan remains highly dependent on the U.S. for defense, but crimes by members of the military, including hit-and-runs as well as rapes, have outraged the people of Okinawa. □

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## Tens of thousands say 'Not him' to leading Brazil candidate

By SARAH DILORENZO  
MARCELO SILVA DE SOUSA  
Associated Press

**SAO PAULO (AP)** — Tens of thousands of Brazilians took to the streets Saturday in protest against the presidential front-runner, a far-right congressman whose campaign has exposed and deepened divisions in Latin America's largest country.

The protests came the same day that Jair Bolsonaro was discharged from a Sao Paulo hospital where he received treatment after being stabbed during a campaign rally on Sept. 6. On Saturday evening, after flying home to Rio, he tweeted that there was "no better feeling" than to be close to his family.

In Sao Paulo, Rio de Janeiro and Brasilia, people flooded avenues and squares to sing, dance and shout "Not him!" — the rallying cry of groups who are trying to prevent Bolsonaro from taking office in October elections.

"We're saying to those people who are undecided: Not him," said Selia Figueiredo, a 43-year-old banker in Sao Paulo, who said she worried for her rights as a gay woman if Bolsonaro were to win. They can vote "for anyone else, but not him."

In the heart of Sao Paulo, Brazil's largest city, leftist presidential candidate Guilherme Boulos and his running mate Sonia Guajajara led the march, while people beat drums and waved gay pride flags and banners that denounced



People protest holding signs with a message that reads in Portuguese: "Not him" during a protest against leading presidential candidate Jair Bolsonaro, at Cinelandia Square in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Saturday, Sept. 29, 2018.

Associated Press

Bolsonaro, who is known for offensive comments about gays, women and black people.

In downtown Rio de Janeiro, a crowd that was heavily women shouted: "Sexists and fascists won't advance!"

Other smaller rallies were held in cities around Brazil, including some in support of the candidate.

Bolsonaro's candidacy has attracted international attention as an example of the trend in many countries toward populism and extremes in politics, and small protests were held against him in London, Lisbon, Berlin and Paris.

Bolsonaro is currently leading polls with around 28

percent of support among voters polled, but he also has the highest rejection rate of any candidate. That could become especially important if no one wins the majority of votes on Oct. 7, and the election is decided in a second round. Polls then show him losing in most scenarios. Bolsonaro has said he will accept nothing less than victory and suggested his opponents will commit fraud to defeat him.

His support is particularly thin among women, who led the protests against him Saturday. According to a recent Ibope poll, 36 percent of men surveyed said they would vote for Bolsonaro, while only 18 percent

of women supported him — an unusually large gap. The difference in support between men and woman for other candidates varies by only a handful of percentage points. The poll was conducted between Sept. 22 and 24 and has a margin of error of 2 percentage points. Brazil is experiencing a moment of intense and unusual polarization after a tumultuous few years. It has suffered a deep, prolonged recession, a corruption investigation that decimated its political class, and the impeachment and removal from office of its first female president in highly contentious proceedings.

Bolsonaro's campaign has both benefited from and contributed to the political divide by focusing on culture-war issues and "traditional" family values.

He hasn't tempered his rhetoric during the campaign and has kept up his praise of Brazil's two-decade military dictatorship. He has also promised to give police permission to shoot first and ask questions later.

Saturday's protests were led by women's groups and others who said they rejected his divisive rhetoric and feared he would make life harder for minorities of all stripes.

"Being here means saying no to sexism and to hate," said Lidia Ferreira, a 46-year-old literature teacher. "Bolsonaro as president would be a tragedy for the country."

A handful of smaller rallies were also held in support of Bolsonaro on Saturday. One of his sons tweeted a video of dozens of women in pink shirts singing his name in front of the opera house in the Amazonian city of Manaus. Another son tweeted a video of around 100 women who were identified as Evangelical leaders, saying "Yes him, Bolsonaro represents me!"

Bolsonaro's "tell it like it is" attitude has gained traction among voters who are angry at the political establishment. Despite his decades in Congress, they see him as a no-nonsense outsider who can rid Brazil of corruption and high





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### Troupial

Certainly one of most striking of Aruba's native birds, the Troupial is a large oriole with sharply contrasting bright orange and black pattern, with bright blue around the eye and at the base of the bill. The Troupial's loud, piping song is thrilling to hear. Troupials make stops at some of the resorts to look for food but they often typically don't stay for long. Take a trip to the hills of Arikok National Park to make sure you don't leave the island without a look and a listen to this special bird.

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### Burrowing Owl- Shoco

The Burrowing Owl is a buffy-colored, long-legged owl with large, yellow eyes. This diurnal species can be seen sitting in open areas in small family groups, apparently unphased by the hot afternoon sun. Burrowing Owls are much loved by the native islanders and appear on Aruba's currency and postal stamps. Sadly, their populations seem to have declined greatly.



### Caribbean Parakeet- Prikichi

If we go back 10 years ago, visitors of Aruba could delight at seeing flocks of native, wild parakeets roaming the countryside, sometimes coming near some of the resorts that maintain native vegetation. Unfortunately, this bird has experienced steep declines in recent years, apparently due to introduced boa's. Although efforts are underway to eradicate the snake, such a task is proving difficult. To try and locate Brown-throated Parakeets, listen to their loud, raucous shrieks. The birds may appear green at first glimpse, but a closer view will reveal the beautiful bluish colors in the wings, the yellow under the tail, and the yellowish eye ring. Parakeets from Aruba are described as a distinct subspecies and are drabber than the subspecies from Curaçao and Bonaire, which have brighter yellow on the face and throat.



### Bananaquits- Barica Geel

A lively little bird with blackish back and head, white stripe above the eye, and bright yellow belly. Bananaquits may remind visitors from the eastern U.S. of the familiar and beloved backyard bird, the chickadee, which is why we fondly refer to the Bananaquit as the "chickadee of the Caribbean." The locals call them chibichibi (in Dutch, zuiker diefje), and when you hear them, you'll know why. They are common throughout the island including around hotels and if possible, may arrive at your breakfast table to sip juice or sample the jelly or syrup. They can be drawn to the balcony of your room by setting out fresh fruit or juice in a shallow bowl or dish. The buzzy song, repeated all day, soon becomes familiar and delightful background "noise" on Aruba. □





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## Authentic Aruba Architecture



This house is one of the best authentic architecture on the island. Located at Sabana Basora, 400 meter from the traffic circle at Pos Chikito going direction to French Pass. Going a bit further is another house with the Aruban hex signs paintings on it.

## Aruba is for honeymooners



There is a very romantic sense here in Aruba and it's the perfect island for honeymoon. So many things you can do as a newly wed couple that sure will strengthen an eternal love. I've met couples that have been coming to Aruba for 30 years every year on their wedding anniversary. This is a photo shoot I did for an Italian couple last week and hope they will also come back every year to our Dushi Aruba.



# SPORTS



New York Yankees' Gary Sanchez, left, watches as Boston Red Sox's J.D. Martinez celebrates his three-run home run during the fourth inning of a baseball game in Boston, Sunday, Sept. 30, 2018.

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## Red Sox claim more titles, beating Yankees 10-2 in finale

By JIMMY GOLEN,  
AP Sports Writer

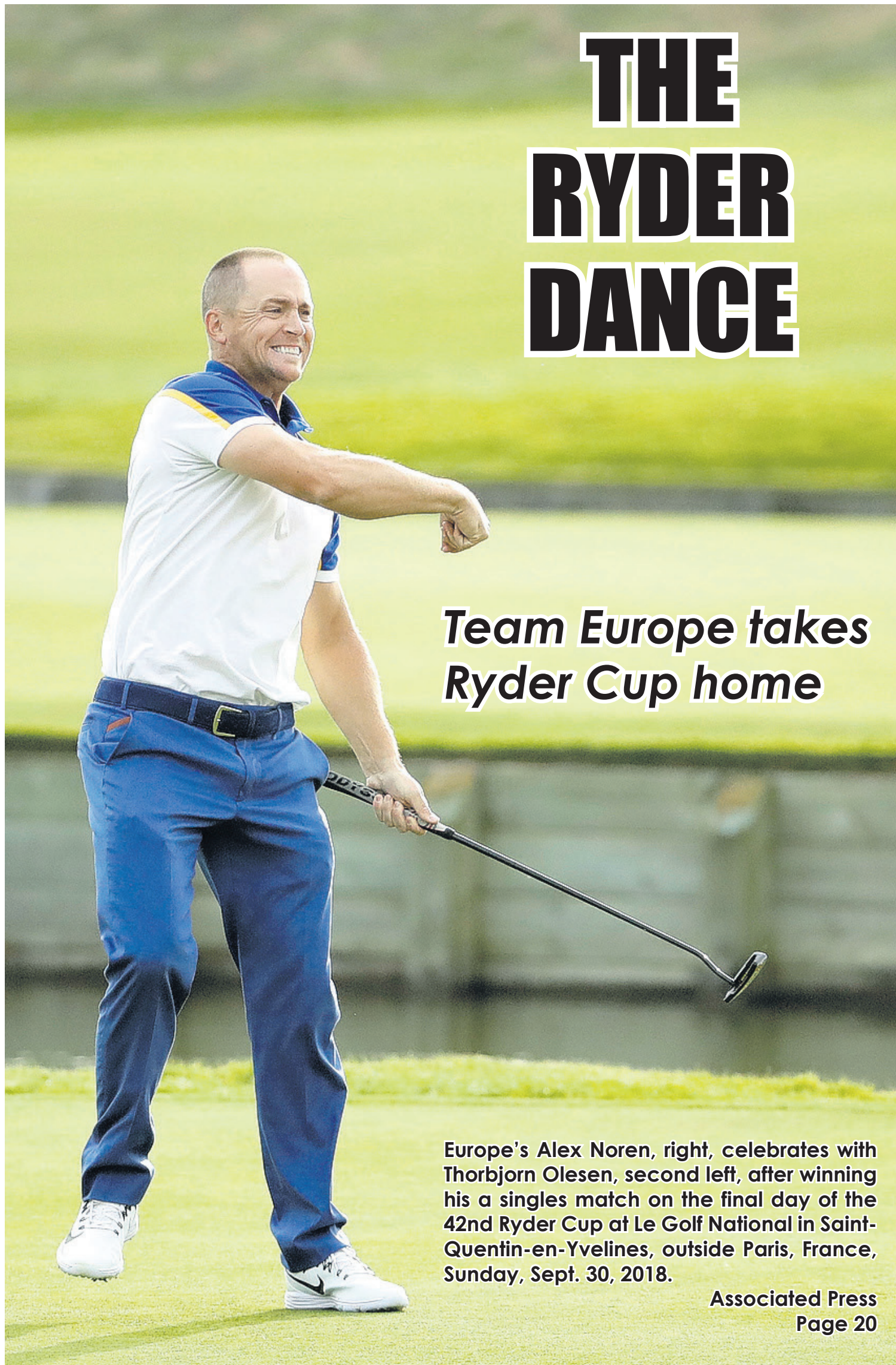
**BOSTON (AP)** — Mookie Betts claimed the big league batting title with one more hit and J.D. Martinez hit his 43rd homer Sunday to lead the AL East champion Boston Red Sox into the playoffs with their franchise-record 108th win, a 10-2 victory over the wild-card winning New York Yankees.

Five days before they might meet in the postseason for the first time since Boston's epic comeback in their cathartic 2004 World Series championship run, the teams ran out 41 players in a meaningless Game 162. Red Sox manager Alex Cora compared it to the final day of spring training. Now they turn their attention to the playoffs: New York has to go through Oakland first, in Wednesday night's AL wild-card game. The winner will be in Boston for Game 1 of the AL Division Series, starting Friday.

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# THE RYDER DANCE

## Team Europe takes Ryder Cup home



Europe's Alex Noren, right, celebrates with Thorbjorn Olesen, second left, after winning his a singles match on the final day of the 42nd Ryder Cup at Le Golf National in Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines, outside Paris, France, Sunday, Sept. 30, 2018.

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# Red Sox claim more titles, beating Yankees 10-2 in finale

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Betts finished with a major league-best .346 average, Martinez drove in three to give him an AL-best 130 RBIs, and Rick Porcello pitched two innings of no-hit ball before leaving with a 7-0 lead in his final tune-up for the postseason. The 2016 AL Cy Young Award winner is expected to start Game 3 of the ALDS, following Chris Sale and David Price to the mound. Eduardo Rodriguez (13-5) was credited with the win by the official scorer as the most effective reliever under MLB Rule 9.17(b). Rodriguez was the fourth of eight Boston pitchers, going one inning and striking out two.

Xander Bogaerts also homered for Boston.

## MOOKIE JAR

Betts had already taken the field at the beginning of the third inning when Cora sent Tzu-Wei Lin out to replace him, allowing the AL MVP favorite to get a cheer on his way back to the dugout. A brief "M-V-P!" chant broke out. Betts led the majors in slugging percentage, runs and WAR. He is the first player in baseball history to lead the majors in batting average and also top 30 steals and 30 homers. He is the first AL player to lead the majors in both batting average and extra-base hits since Mickey Mantle in 1956.

## FIRST-INNING FUMBLES

Four of the first five Red Sox batters reached base in the first against Yankees starter Luis Cessa, plus an error by Aaron Judge that allowed Betts to score from first on Brock Holt's single. With one out and runners on second and third, Eduardo Nunez hit one to the right side, beyond the pitcher's reach.

First baseman Luke Voit fielded it and flipped it to Cessa, who arrived at first at the same time as the runner, tagging him but dropping the ball. Both Cessa and Nunez need medical attention; Nunez stayed in the game but Cessa was relieved by David Robert-



**Boston Red Sox's Xander Bogaerts hits a two-run home run during the second inning of a baseball game against the New York Yankees in Boston, Sunday, Sept. 30, 2018.**

son. It was the earliest Robertson has entered a game in his career.

Cessa (1-4) got just one out, allowing four runs — three earned — on five hits. Boston added three more in the second inning.

## TRAINER'S ROOM

Yankees: DH Giancarlo Stanton was a late scratch from the lineup, replaced by Miguel Andujar. The Yankees said it was not injury-related and only to give Stanton some rest.

Red Sox: Nunez remained in the game after a bit of a collision with Cessa on his first-inning infield single but remained in the game until he was pinch run for after a sixth-inning walk.

## SEMI-USEFUL STATS

Yankees: New York finished 100-62, its 20th 100-win season and a nine-game improvement over last year. The Yankees had the third-best record in baseball, behind Boston and Houston. ... They join the Pirates as the only teams to play twice in the wild-card game. ... Have reached the playoffs in 20 of the past 24 seasons. ... Voit homered, No. 267 on the season for the Yankees, a major league record that

topped the 264 hit by the 1997 Seattle Mariners. ... Andujar hit his 47th double, tied for second-most for a

rookie in major league history.

Red Sox: In winning their third straight AL East title

and setting a franchise record for wins, the Red Sox improved by 15 victories over their 2017 record. □

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# Europe finishes off dominant week to win back Ryder Cup



Europe's Francesco Molinari celebrates after winning his singles match to clinch the Ryder Cup for Europe on the final day of the 42nd Ryder Cup at Le Golf National in Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines, outside Paris, France, Sunday, Sept. 30, 2018.

By **DOUG FERGUSON**  
AP Golf Writer

**SAINT-QUENTIN-EN-YVELINES, France (AP)** — Eu-

rope waited two long years for that one moment when the Ryder Cup was back in its hands.

Exactly when it happened Sunday was unclear, making it all the better.

At roughly the same time, in two singles matches on two greens at Le Golf National separated by 150 yards of water, Francesco Molinari and Sergio Garcia each made par to secure at least a half-point, either one giving Europe the 14½ points it needed to regain the Ryder Cup from the Americans.

As the celebration was just getting started, Molinari capped off the first 5-0 week at the Ryder Cup for a European.

Three of those points came at the expense of Tiger Woods, who left France without contributing a point. Molinari won his singles match against Phil Mickelson, officially putting the winning point on the board for Europe and put-

ting Mickelson in the record book for the most losses in Ryder Cup history.

Then, Garcia won his match to set the record for the most career points in Ryder Cup history.

It was like that all week.

Europe produced stars old and new with a team that was as strong as ever.

"We got it right this week," European captain Thomas Bjorn said. "We never, ever looked toward their team about what they were about. We were about us as a team and what we do. ... Everything that this Ryder Cup was is what I think the Ryder Cup should be about for a European team."

Mostly, it's about winning.

The final shot came from Alex Noren, who after conceding a short birdie putt to Bryson DeChambeau on the 18th hole, made a 40-foot birdie putt to win the match.

That made it 17½-10½, the biggest Ryder Cup rout in 12 years.

Two years after the Americans thought they had their Ryder Cup problems figured out, Europe reminded

them Sunday which team practically has owned that shiny gold trophy for the last quarter-century.

Europe now has won nine of the last 12. The Americans remain winless away from home since 1993.

And there wasn't much U.S. captain Jim Furyk could do about it.

"They played some great golf this week, and I take my cap off," Furyk said.

"Thomas was a better captain and their team outplayed us. And there's nothing else more you can say. They deserved to win."

Molinari was just as good on his own as he was with Tommy Fleetwood, and the best year of his golfing life somehow got better. Just over two months ago, he was posing with that silver claret jug at the British Open as Italy's first major champion. This felt just as sweet because it was a trophy he shared with a team.

"This team has been incredible from the start," Molinari said. "We were determined to do the job. Nothing was going to stop us. And you saw it on the course."

It was the most lopsided victory since consecutive 18½-9½ victories by Europe more than a decade ago when the Americans looked utterly lost. They formed a Ryder Cup Task Force after the 2014 loss. The idea was to build continuity and momentum, and it seemed to work when the Americans won at Hazeltine in 2016.

Now, maybe it's back to the drawing board.

"Let's be honest — the European side played some exquisite golf," Mickelson said. The same couldn't be said for Mickelson or Woods, two giants of their generation, both with losing records in the Ryder Cup. Mickelson didn't even play on Saturday and lost his matches on Friday and Sunday. He started the week by setting a record with his 12th appearance in the Ryder Cup, and it ended with 22 losses, a record by either side. At 48, he might not get another chance.

"I did not play well this year," Mickelson said. "This could very well, realistically,

be my last one."

Woods was 0-4, the first time in eight Ryder Cups that he failed to contribute a single point. This was one week after he capped a personal comeback following four back surgeries by winning the Tour Championship, the 80th of his PGA Tour career and first in more than five years.

But he looked like he lacked energy on the course and certainly in his speech over the last two days.

"It's disappointing because I went 0-4, and that's four points to the European team," he said. "And I'm one of the contributing factors to why we lost the cup, and it's not a lot of fun. It's frustrating because I thought we were all playing pretty well, and I just didn't perform at the level that I had been playing, and just got behind early in the matches and never got back."

But this was more about the Europeans as a team, and they were tougher than ever on a course they know well.

Trailing 10-6 going into the final day of singles, the Americans needed to put red points on the board early to build momentum. It never happened. Justin Thomas won the leadoff match over Rory McIlroy but not until the 18th hole.

Webb Simpson and Tony Finau, the lone bright spot among the wild-card picks for Furyk, won easily. Behind them, Woods was hanging tough against Jon Rahm and Dustin Johnson started to pull ahead of Ian Poulter.

"There's always a moment where it looks like a spark of light," Furyk said.

"When it was there for us, Europe played really well." It wasn't there long. Rahm won two straight holes with pars to seize control. Johnson hit into the water on the 13th during a four-hole slide that took him from 1 up to 2 down, a match Poulter wound up winning.

Thorbjorn Olesen, who had played only one match the previous two days, went 5 up at the turn over Jordan Spieth and won in 14 holes. □





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# Dalton's late TD pass to Green lifts Bengals over Falcons

By CHARLES ODUM

**ATLANTA (AP)** — Andy Dalton threw a 13-yard touchdown pass to A.J. Green with 7 seconds remaining, lifting the Cincinnati Bengals to a 37-36 win over the Atlanta Falcons on Sunday. Dalton moved the Bengals 75 yards in about four minutes. He completed two passes on fourth down to Tyler Boyd, who had 11 catches for 100 yards, to keep the drive alive. Green, the former University of Georgia star making his first return to the state of Georgia, made a diving catch in the right side of the end zone to cap the drive. He had four catches for 78 yards.

Running back Joe Mixon, who missed his second straight game for Cincinnati while recovering from knee surgery, ran down the sideline to celebrate with Green in the end zone.

"Every time we were in the huddle we were encouraging each other and saying we've got to find a way," said tight end C.J. Uzomah. "We made it happen."

Giovani Bernard ran for 69 yards and two touchdowns for Cincinnati (3-1).

Matt Ryan continued his resurgence by throwing three scoring passes, including two to rookie Calvin Ridley, for the Falcons. As was the case last week, when he had his first career game with five touchdown passes in a loss to New Orleans, Ryan had too little support from an injury-depleted defense.

The Falcons (1-3) topped 30 points for the third straight week. Ryan, the 2016 NFL MVP, has thrown eight touchdown passes in his past two weeks and has 10 through four games after throwing only 20 in 2017.

He said he can't let the



Cincinnati Bengals wide receiver A.J. Green (18) celebrates his game-winning catch against the Atlanta Falcons during the second half of an NFL football game, Sunday, Sept. 30, 2018, in Atlanta. Associated Press

struggles on defense put more pressure on the offense.

"I don't put any more or any less pressure on myself," Ryan said. "I just have that mindset we have to get the job done and we haven't been doing that and that's disappointing."

The Atlanta defense also faltered in last week's 43-37 overtime loss to New Orleans. Falcons coach Dan Quinn said his team must play better when the game is on the line.

"Those are the moments when it's time to close the door and shut it, we're going to develop that instinct," Quinn said. "We do not have it as we need it right now."

The Bengals, who began the day tied for the AFC North lead, have enjoyed

a strong start despite playing three of their first four games on the road.

The Bengals now play six of their next eight at home.

Atlanta's Matt Bryant, who kicked three field goals, including a 55-yard field goal in the second quarter, was good from 32 yards to give the Falcons a 36-31 lead with 4:15 remaining.

That was too much time for Dalton, who completed 29 of 41 passes for 336 yards and three touchdowns and one interception.

There were no punts in the first half. The Bengals scored touchdowns on each of their four possessions.

Ridley had scoring catches of 11 and 30 yards, giving him five in his past two games and six for the season.

Ridley's second TD catch,

a 30-yarder, gave Atlanta a 33-28 lead early in the fourth quarter when the 2-point pass attempt was no good.

Bengals tight end Tyler Eifert had four catches for 38 yards, including a 15-yard scoring catch in the first quarter, before suffering a gruesome lower right leg injury early in the third quarter. Eifert, the team's third-leading receiver entering the game, caught a 2-yard pass and was tackled by De'Vondre Campbell and Jack Crawford. Eifert brought his hands up to his helmet as he was on his back in obvious pain. His leg stabilized by the medical staff, Eifert received encouragement from teammates before he was carted off the field.

**INJURY REPORT**

Bengals halfback Mark Walton did not return and was being treated for a possible concussion after a helmet-to-helmet penalty hit by Brian Poole near the end of the third. Falcons defensive tackle Grady Jarrett had an ankle injury late in the fourth and did not return.

**RIISING STAR**

Bengals cornerback Dre Kirkpatrick was impressed with Ridley, who had four catches for 54 yards. "That Ridley kid, the boy is about to take the NFL by storm," Kirkpatrick said. "That boy if not this year, if not next year, he's definitely going to be top 10 in the league."

**PRESIDENTIAL VISIT**

Former President Jimmy Carter was given a No. 39 Falcons jersey, as the 39th U.S. president. In a pre-game ceremony, Carter was given a birthday cake by team owner Arthur Blank one day before Carter's 94th birthday.

Carter also rang the pre-game train horn and yelled "Rise Up" to Falcons fans.

**MENDING**

Each team was without its top running back. Devonta Freeman missed his third straight game for Atlanta with a sore right knee. Mixon was held out for the second straight week for the Bengals after having debris removed from his right knee.

**LONG TIME**

The Bengals lead the series 9-5 following their first win in Atlanta since a 16-10 victory on Nov. 15, 1987, at old Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium.

**UP NEXT**

Bengals: host Miami Dolphins next Sunday.

Falcons: Visit the Pittsburgh Steelers on Sunday in first road game since opening season at Philadelphia. □



# NHL season preview: Teams load up to challenge champion Caps



In this Sept. 28, 2018, file photo Pittsburgh Penguins' Sidney Crosby, left, tries to skate past Columbus Blue Jackets' Gabriel Carlsson during the third period of a preseason NHL hockey game in Columbus, Ohio.

Associated Press

**By STEPHEN WHYNO**  
**AP Hockey Writer**

T.J. Oshie stepped to the microphone and apologized for his voice.

It was hoarse from days and nights of celebrating the Washington Capitals' Stanley Cup triumph and fans now had gathered on the National Mall after the championship parade. Oshie had enough left to start a chant among the tens of thousands of fans: "Back-to-back! Back-to-back!"

With a full voice and the shortest summer of his career behind him, Oshie hasn't changed his tune that the Capitals can repeat.

"If we continue with our style of play and everyone chips in like we did, I think we have a really good chance," Oshie said. "I know the odds are against us, we had a short summer, everyone else has a couple more months of training on them. But we still have all the pieces."

Even though the Pittsburgh Penguins went back-to-back in 2016 and 2017, the odds are against Washington repeating despite

bringing back an almost identical roster from last year's run. What the Capitals showed teams gunning for the Cup in 2019 is how a championship window is never closed as long you make the playoffs. The Penguins, Boston and Tampa Bay in the Eastern Conference, and the San Jose Sharks and St. Louis Blues in the West, take note: Previous postseason success and failure is little indication of what'll happen next.

"They don't give up after a lot of tough years," Blues winger Vladimir Tarasenko said of the Caps. "They work on their game, play hard and finally reach their goal. This is really good example for us. I think that's what we need to try to do." The race to the playoffs begins with the Capitals and Vegas Golden Knights not favored to make it back to the Cup Final, Sidney Crosby ready to take back the trophy he has hoisted three times, Connor McDavid looking to lift the Oilers back into contention and an influx of talent in the West again threatening to make this spring another

heavyweight rumble. San Jose added two-time Norris Trophy-winning defenseman Erik Karlsson, St. Louis traded for center Ryan O'Reilly and Minnesota changed general managers to take another run at an elusive title. Tampa Bay kept its deep core together, Boston is hoping for better health and Pittsburgh is loading up for another shot with Crosby eager to one-up career rival Alex Ovechkin again.

"He's very determined this year," said Colorado's Nathan MacKinnon, who like Crosby is a native of Cole Harbour, Nova Scotia. "With the Penguins, it's Stanley Cup or nothing for them. ... They have a great team. But Sid's their leader. Sid's the best player in the world and he's ready, for sure."

The Capitals' run through the playoffs mirrored the Penguins' three championships over the past decade in that they were built on stellar goaltending and center depth. Like Crosby, Evgeni Malkin and a host of third-line centers, Washington's Evgeny Kuznetsov,

Nicklas Backstrom and Lars Eller showed they could match up against anyone and control games at home and on the road.

"They were pretty deep, obviously, in the middle — or anywhere, really," Bruins center Patrice Bergeron said. "Obviously the center position I think is something that has a lot of impact in different ways in the game." The Blues can now go down the middle with O'Reilly, Brayden Schenn and Tyler Bozak, and the Maple Leafs' signing of John Tavares gives them a 1-2-3 punch of the former Islanders captain, Auston Matthews and Nazem Kadri. Matthews, Kadri and the Maple Leafs pushed Washington to six games before losing in the first round in 2017 but now have the horses to contend with anyone in the league. With Cup expectations hovering over the center of the hockey universe, the Capitals' years of playoff roadblocks and eventually breaking through make for another important lesson for the Maple Leafs.

"That's really how hard it

is," Matthews said. "It's not easy. It's not just a walk in the park. Just because we added John Tavares doesn't mean it's going to be a walk in the park for the Toronto Maple Leafs in the playoffs. We still got to get there and no matter who you're playing, it's going to be a battle."

One battle the Capitals now face is trying to avoid any kind of Stanley Cup hangover, which either manifests as a slow start or a rough patch once the adrenaline wears off this fall. Jonathan Toews, who led the Blackhawks to the Cup in 2010, 2013 and 2015 said: "It's not really my problem. That's up to them to figure out."

Vegas goaltender Marc-Andre Fleury, who went through the Capitals to help the Penguins win it all in 2009, 2016 and 2017, also isn't in the business of giving Washington advice, but he remembers it being an uphill climb.

"Every time I went to the Final, next (season) the first couple months were a little rough," Fleury said. "It's just trying to forget about the past as quickly as possible. ... The parity's so good around the league that the playoff race is very intense down the stretch, so you need those points early in the season to help you out." Parity is reality in a league that has featured a turnover of seven of 16 playoff teams each of the past two years. Getting in really is half the battle for everyone, and especially the Capitals with the mental challenge of gearing back up after winning it all. "The guys go through such a grind to win a championship, and they know how much they've exerted," said Carolina coach Rod Brind'Amour, who was captain of the Hurricanes when they won the Cup in 2006 and missed the playoffs in 2007. "The physical part is not the issue. It's mentally getting ready to battle it up again and rev it up. ... If you can figure that out, then I think you have a chance to win a few Cups in a row." □





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# Spain's Alejandro Valverde sprints to road race world title

Associated Press

INNSBRUCK, Austria (AP) —

For the seventh time in his career, Alejandro Valverde stepped onto the podium after the men's road race at the world championships on Sunday.

But for the first time he received the gold medal.

The Spanish rider sprinted to his first world title after a grueling, mountainous race of 6 hours, 46 minutes through the Austrian Alps, including a final climb with a maximum gradient of 28 percent.

Valverde led a group of four in the final kilometer, and he just remained ahead in the sprint, with Romain Bardet of France taking the silver. Michael Woods, the first Canadian in the top three since Steve Bauer in 1984, won the bronze, while Tom Dumoulin of the Netherlands placed fourth.

"This is the greatest day of my career. It means everything to me to take this victory," the 38-year-old Valverde said. "It's my biggest pro victory. One that I've fought hard to achieve for all these years. Something I've been chasing for during my entire career." He became the first Spanish world champion since Oscar Freire won the title in 2004. Valverde, who served



Spain's Alejandro Valverde crosses the finish line to win the men's road race at the Road Cycling World Championships in Innsbruck, Austria, Sunday, Sept.30, 2018.

a doping suspension earlier in his career, has won stages in all Grand Tours and was the overall winner of the Vuelta in 2009. Sunday's title came a year after he suffered a fractured kneecap in a fall in the Tour de France, forcing him to end his 2017 season prematurely.

"I'm so proud of wearing this jersey for the next 12 months," he said. "I've been at other world championships where a teammate won and I enjoyed it, but taking it yourself is just special."

Valverde positioned himself for the win when he went ahead of the pack together

with Bardet and Woods for the final five kilometers. While the trio built a lead of a half-minute, Dumoulin managed to catch up for the last 1,500 meters. However, the Dutchman lacked the power to attack again, and Valverde held off challenges by Bardet and Woods to cross the line

first.

Peter Sagan had his three-year winning streak snapped when he quit the race with 90 kilometers left. The Slovakian sprint specialist struggled on the 258-kilometer course, which included 4,681 meters of climbing and was regarded as one of the toughest world championship courses in decades.

Many of the pre-race favorites had problems, while Warren Barguil of France and Primož Roglič of Slovenia were among the contenders slowed by crashes. A group of 11 riders broke away in the opening kilometers, and as there were no title favorites among them, the peloton wasn't bothered about chasing them for most of the race. It left Kasper Asgreen of Denmark and Vegard Stake Laengen of Norway as the two leaders, but they were finally overtaken by the peloton with 20 kilometers left to go. Several riders tried to attack, and Asgreen's Danish teammate Michael Valgren looked successful for a while as he went 30 seconds ahead. The French team, however, closed the gap in an attempt to set up Bardet, but they also helped Valverde and Woods to the front. □

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# Hailie Deegan, 17, becomes 1st female winner in NASCAR K&N

Associated Press

MERIDIAN, Idaho (AP) —

Seventeen-year-old Hailie Deegan used a bump-and-run on her teammate to become the first female winner of a NASCAR K&N West Series race.

Her last-lap shove of Cole Rouse at Meridian Speedway in Idaho gave her the victory.

Deegan is the daughter of X Games motocross rider

Brian Deegan.

Her victory came in her 18th start on the NASCAR K&N circuit.

The teenager from Temecula, California, led only one lap in Saturday night's race, the last one.

Deegan had two previous runner-up finishes in the series and said after the race she had imagined the winning move the night before while lying in bed.

Deegan said her plan was to nudge the leader just enough to make the driver wiggle and create room for the winning pass.

Rouse also is seeking his first career victory.

He complained Deegan got into his car too hard for the bump-and-run.

Deegan drives for Bill McAnally Racing and is leading the rookie-of-the-year standings. □



In this file image taken Feb. 11, 2018 and provided by Connexions Sports and Entertainment, NASCAR K&N Pro Series East driver Hailie Deegan stands in the pits at the New Smyrna Speedway in New Smyrna Beach Fla.

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## Why you can't always trust your handy map app

By **RYAN NAKASHIMA**  
AP Technology Writer

For centuries, people have relied on maps to figure out where they are and where they're going. But today's digital maps — seemingly more precise than ever — aren't always as dependable as they appear.

At the end of August, for instance, Snapchat users woke up early to find the app's internal map had renamed New York City with the anti-Semitic label "Jewtropolis." In Washington, D.C., Google Maps incorrectly renamed a Senate office building after the late Sen. John McCain a few days after his death on Aug. 25. Researchers have found numerous fake business listings in Google Maps for plumbers and hotels — apparent attempts to game search results and juice referral traffic.

Digital maps are a modern uber-convenience, capable of pinpointing nearby landmarks, shops and restaurants, highlighting traffic jams and navigating you to destinations across the country. Google, Apple and a variety of lesser-known companies constantly update these real world representations using a variety of sophisticated tools, from satellites in orbit to the phone in your hand. But there's another important input: crowdsourced data submitted by ordinary people, which can make today's maps more like Wikipedia than Rand McNally. When the navigation app Waze flags a highway accident, for instance, it's because drivers further down the road have reported it. Other unpaid volunteers submit information on new business locations, landmarks and even new roads.



In this Monday, Sept. 10, 2018, image made from a video Greg Psitos works on a computer in the Queens borough of New York.

All that is a bet that the wisdom of the crowd eventually ends up getting it right. But "eventually" can take a while, and in the meantime, pesky humans can still muck things up but good. Take, for instance, the morning of Aug. 30, when users of Snapchat found New York City hatefully rebranded in the app's map. In addition to the "Jewtropolis" label, prominent city landmarks bore ugly new names such as "Pedophile Bridge," "Zionist Cannibal Drive," and "Adolph Hitler Memorial Tunnel."

Snapchat and other apps such as The Weather Channel and Runkeeper rely on a company called Mapbox for their maps. Mapbox CEO Eric Gundersen said the company uses more than 130 sources of data. One of them is an open-source project similar to Wikipedia called OpenStreetMap.

There, a user made more than 80 anti-Semitic label changes in a "tirade" across New York and other places in early August; records of those changes show the anonymous user also

abusively renamed London streets and dubbed Russia "Commieland." The changes were reverted in OpenStreetMap less than two hours later by another contributor, other records show.

At Mapbox, however, the anti-Semitic changes remained in a pipeline of map edits where they languished for 20 days until human reviewers cleared a backlog. While Gundersen said that a Mapbox artificial-intelligence tool flagged the problem when it showed up and quarantined the abusive changes, a reviewer then mistakenly pushed through one of the edits anyway, overwriting correct data.

The OpenStreetMap Foundation, a not-for-profit group based in Cambridge, England, said in a blog post that the changes were reversed so quickly that no one noticed them until Mapbox served up the vandalized OpenStreetMap data to thousands of apps and websites.

"The vast majority of editors want to come together to build something great, and

these massively outnumber the few bad apples," the foundation said.

The king of digital cartography, Google Maps, doesn't rely on far-flung contributors to the same extent as OpenStreetMaps. But it can still suffer fraudulent edits. Much of Google Maps' data gathering, such as satellite images or traffic information, is automated. But at the local level, some listings rely on labels suggested by users themselves. Those are vulnerable to attack, and Google has been fighting the problem for many years.

On Aug. 29, someone suggested the Russell Senate Office Building be renamed the "McCain Senate Office Building" on Google Maps, short-circuiting a change real senators had been contemplating at the time. The change got past Google's automated and human screens, although it was reverted after it drew press attention. (Renaming talk has since died down in the real world as well.)

Google said in a statement to The Associated Press that over the years it has re-

duced fraud "to a very low incidence" and that "we're always working on new and better ways to fight this type of behavior."

Sam Hind, a researcher at the University of Siegen in Germany who studies navigation technology, said mapping developers have come to realize that their users collectively have better up-to-date local knowledge than their own teams can collect.

"Of course, this comes with a catch — that you can rely on the veracity of the knowledge, and that you can somehow verify this," he said.

That's an issue for business listings on Google Maps. The company makes it easy to add new business listings to its map, in part to entice small business owners into advertising with Google to attract nearby customers. That opens the door to abuse. Just ask Greg Psitos, a 33-year-old florist in Queens, New York. In February, someone hijacked his Google Maps listing and changed his hours to "closed" on Valentine's Day — what should have been one of his busiest days of the year.

"Someone had controlled that listing for four years and I didn't know any better," Psitos said, adding that it took months to reclaim it. Since then, he's been on a crusade to draw attention to the problem. In one stunt, he fooled Google Maps into believing his flower shop is home to both news network CNN and Trump Palace. Both of these listings were still present and searchable on Google Maps when this article was published.

"I'm a florist," Psitos said. "Now I'm a Google Maps savant." □



# Employers jump into providing care as health costs rise

By TOM MURPHY

KOKOMO, Indiana (AP) —

Autoworkers in this blue-collar, central Indiana city have an eager helper waiting to pick up the bill at their next doctor visit.

Fiat Chrysler is offering free health care for most of its employees and their families — about 22,000 people — through a clinic the carmaker opened this summer near one of five factories it operates in the area. The company pays for basic care like doctor visits and consults with a dietitian and even an exercise physiologist. Workers don't pay a cent, not even a co-pay. The idea: Spend more now to improve care and eventually pare the more than \$100 million that Fiat Chrysler Automobiles pays annually for health care, just in Indiana.

"We looked at how do we change the health care delivery system, that's really what employers are asking," Fiat Chrysler executive Kathleen Neal said.

Corporate America is jumping deeper into the care its workers receive beyond just giving them insurance cards and a list of doctors they can visit. Companies are opening clinics on or near their worksites or bringing in temporary setups to make sure their employees get annual physicals.

In many cases employers are offering free primary care or charging only a small fee. Many believe the cost is worthwhile because they can improve employee health and cut even bigger bills in the future that stem from unmanaged chronic conditions like diabetes or unnecessary emergency room visits. Offering convenient care can also help attract new workers and cut down on time away from the job. But this shift means workers will have to change how they use the health care system. And companies, which don't see individual medical records, have to patiently wait for some potential benefits from their investment like a drop in health care costs.

"It is really, really hard to



Dr. John Lynch meets with patient Jeff Thieke during his visit to the Fiat Chrysler Automotive Clinic in Anderson, Ind., Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2018.

change behavior," said Carolyn Engelhard, an associate professor at the University of Virginia's medical school who studies health policy.

Big companies have long offered services to help employees recover from workplace injuries, and now more are delving into primary care.

Fifty-six percent of large employers will have on-site or nearby health centers by 2019, up from 47 percent in 2016, according to the National Business Group on Health.

Most of the businesses surveyed by the nonprofit, which represents large companies, have 10,000 employees or more. But benefits experts also see this trend in smaller businesses too, with some companies joining forces to pay

for a nearby clinic that they share.

Office buildings also have started adding clinics to attract tenants that want the convenience for their employees, according to Dr. Jeff Dobro, a partner with the benefits consultant Mercer.

Mattress maker Serta Simmons Bedding started rolling out mobile health clinics to all 28 of its U.S. factories a couple years ago to help its largely male workforce get annual physicals, with the company covering the cost.

"Most people just don't get their screenings, and a lot of men just don't have a relationship" with their doctor, said company executive Steven Wilkinson.

Fiat Chrysler opened its clinic after learning that 40 percent of its employees

in the Kokomo area didn't have a primary care doctor, and many defaulted to emergency rooms for care that wasn't dire.

Company spokeswoman Val Oehmke declined to say how much the clinic cost to build, but she said Fiat Chrysler expects to make back what it spent in about two years by improving employee health and cutting medical costs.

The health center comes with exam rooms, an X-ray machine and space for minor procedures. Aside from a small memorial photo of former Fiat Chrysler CEO Sergio Marchionne on a waiting room table, few signs inside the clinic connect it to the hulking transmission factory nearby.

The carmaker pays a local hospital operator, St. Vincent, to run its clinic exclu-

sively for employees and family members.

Dr. John Lynch spent almost an hour with a patient during a recent physical. That compares to the 10 or 15 minutes he used to get once or twice a year in other practices.

"It was frustrating that I couldn't do more for them," he said.

Forklift operator Amanda Chipps took her toddler, McCoy, to the clinic after he developed a fever and a rash and she couldn't get in to see their regular doctor. Chipps said that visit felt more like an annual check-up. Before eventually prescribing antibiotics, a doctor and nurse asked about McCoy's medical history, diet and personality.

"They were really just getting to know ... everything about him," she said. "It was just real nice, a different setting from most doctors' offices."

United Shore Financial Services opened a similar clinic in its suburban Detroit headquarters for its 2,600 employees a couple years ago after executives saw workers coming in sick during flu season. The clinic logged about 4,200 visits in 2017, its first full year.

Account executive Sean McHugh said he seeks clinic help when back trouble flares up during the day. That saves him from losing time by driving home for care and then back to work. "It really makes the work environment here appealing because it gives you your time outside of the office," the 36-year-old said. Employers often find that it takes time for workers to get used to a major change in health benefits. But these clinics can catch on quickly, said David Keyt, a Mercer executive who works with employers to set them up. He said having clinics on or near the worksite removes two big hurdles — cost and convenience — that prevent people from getting care.

"What we're trying to get to is the provider-patient relationship and all the barriers that prevent that ... from happening," he said. □

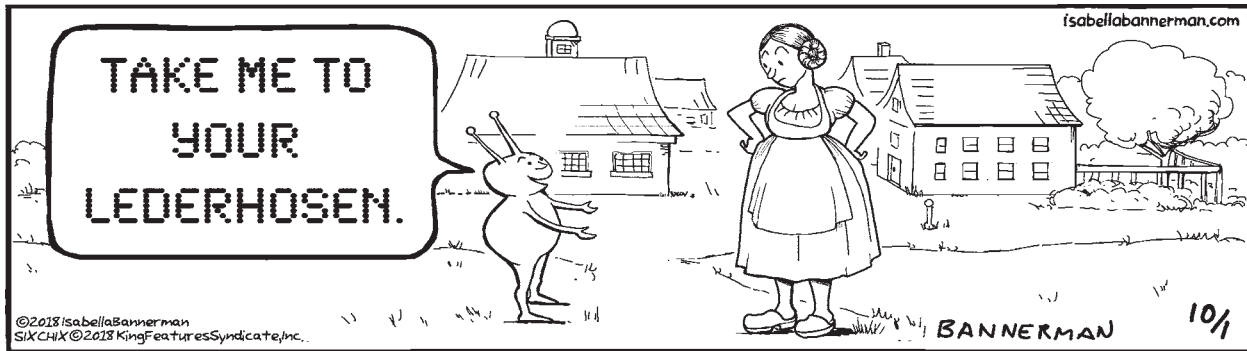
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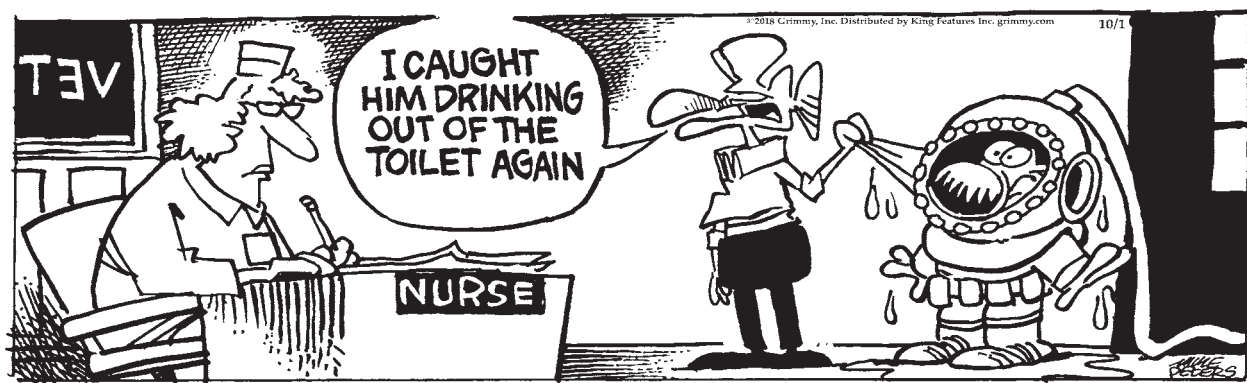
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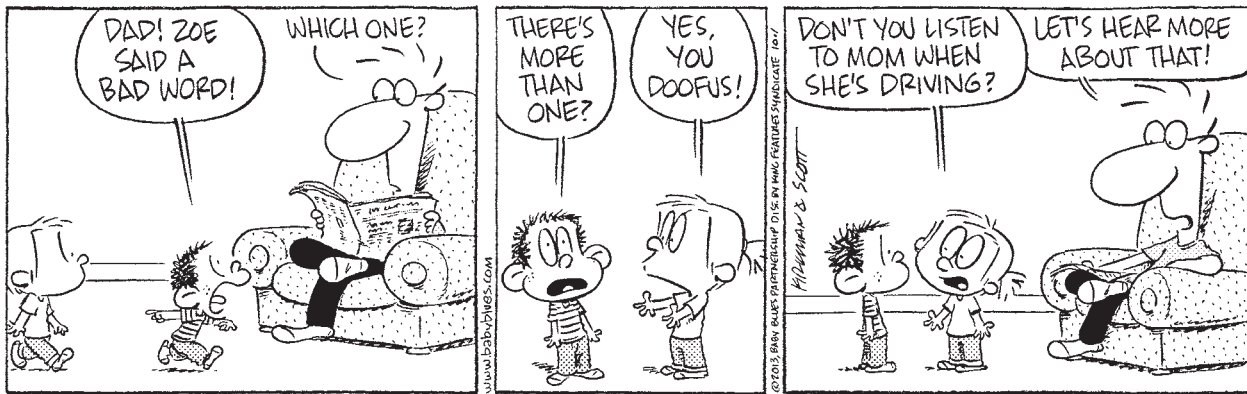
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

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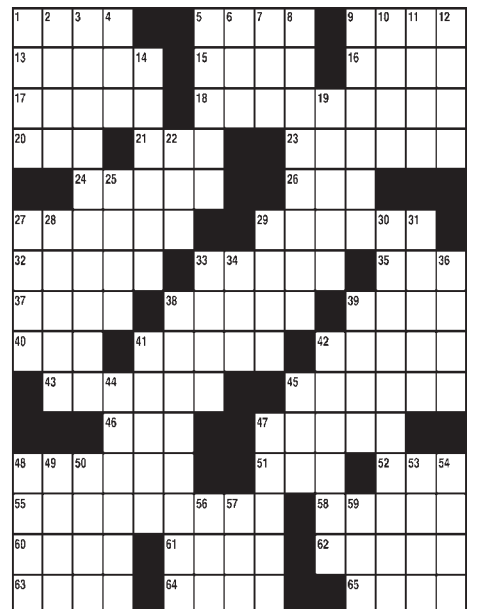
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**ACROSS**

- 1 "Get lost!"
- 5 Gullible fools
- 9 Resound
- 13 Potato or yam
- 15 Judge's order
- 16 Prison knife
- 17 Residence
- 18 Rash
- 20 Male animal
- 21 \_\_\_do attitude; positive mind-set
- 23 \_\_\_change; wet baby's need
- 24 Enraged
- 26 Extremely cold
- 27 Wolf or beagle
- 29 Lifts with effort
- 32 Alter to make fit
- 33 \_\_\_with; date
- 35 Curved bone
- 37 Ad-\_\_\_; speaks impromptu
- 38 Word attached to base or basket
- 39 Rank's partner, in phrase
- 40 Chat room chuckle
- 41 Piece of playground equipment
- 42 Loose piece of turf
- 43 Group of seven
- 45 Make shine
- 46 "\_\_\_ Miserables"
- 47 Bakery passer's delight
- 48 Satchel parts
- 51 Wynken, Blynken and \_\_\_
- 52 Drink like Fido
- 55 Short-term; passing
- 58 Peruvian pal
- 60 Sty cry
- 61 Captures
- 62 Stunned
- 63 Cookware
- 64 Elephant's color
- 65 Johnny Bench & Pete Rose

**DOWN**

- 1 "\_\_\_ Trek"
- 2 Havana's land
- 3 Horrible; disgusting
- 4 \_\_\_ Kennedy
- 5 Pigs and hogs
- 6 Ulna's place
- 7 Chain of printing stores
- 8 Like a diligent pupil
- 9 Grade-school compositions
- 10 Chocolate \_\_\_ cookies
- 11 Bee's home
- 12 \_\_\_the moon; elated
- 14 Eat one's words
- 19 Not forbidden
- 22 Feasted on
- 25 Tears
- 27 \_\_\_on the carpet; scold
- 28 "Bye, Juan!"
- 29 Gap
- 30 Make light of
- 31 Storage towers
- 33 Trot or canter
- 34 Ancient
- 36 Nickname for Elizabeth
- 38 Boon



Created by Jacqueline E. Mathews 10/1/18

**Saturday's Puzzle Solved**

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| WEAR      | MIA       |       |
| ENMITY    | OVERCOME  |       |
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| 39 Movie                 | 50 ___ and rave; carry on       |
| 41 Staircase parts       | 53 Over-the-hill                |
| 42 Thingamajig           | 54 Pea casings                  |
| 44 Boards                | 56 In one ___ and out the other |
| 45 Expert                | 57 Org. for Suns and Spurs      |
| 47 Nervous               | 59 Deface; spoil                |
| 48 Go no further         |                                 |
| 49 The Bee Gees, for one |                                 |



# Washington man gets prison for overharvesting sea cucumbers

**Associated Press**

**SEATTLE (AP)** — The owner of a Washington seafood company was sentenced to two years in prison for overharvesting sea cucumbers and must pay \$1.5 million in restitution — the second large bust of illegal sea cucumber trade in the U.S. West in just over a year. Hoon Namkoong, 62, was also sentenced Friday to three years of post-prison supervision.

He pleaded guilty earlier this year in U.S. District Court in Seattle to underreporting the number of sea cucumbers he bought from tribal and nontribal fisheries in the Puget Sound by nearly 250,000 pounds (113,400 kilograms) between 2014 and 2016. His company, Orient Seafood Production, then sold them to seafood buyers in Asia and the U.S. The illegal harvest amounted to nearly 20 percent of the total allowed harvest of the sea creatures statewide, said U.S. Attorney Annette Hayes, and did serious damage to the Puget Sound.

"This illegal activity damages the health of the Puget Sound ecosystem by endangering the sustainability of the sea cucumber population," Hayes said. "Illegal harvesting undermines quotas designed to protect the resource and keep the Sound healthy for our children and generations to come."

Sea cucumbers, which are shaped like cucumbers with small feet and measure up to 6 feet (1.8 meters), are echinoderms, a family that includes starfish and sea urchin.

They are served dried or fresh and often braised with fish, vegetables and traditional Chinese sauces. They are sought to treat various health issues and are increasingly in demand in China and southeast Asian countries.

Harvesting sea cucumbers is permitted in the United States and many parts of the world, but with limited quantities and only during



This Dec. 30, 2005, file photo shows a sea cucumber in California. The owner of a Washington seafood company has been sentenced to three years in prison for overharvesting sea cucumbers in the Puget Sound in Wash.

**Associated Press**

high season. Illegal trade is becoming increasingly common and lucrative.

Last year, federal officials filed charges against a father-son partnership for allegedly smuggling more than \$17 million worth of sea cucumbers to the United States and exporting them to Asia.

The pair was accused of buying the illegally harvested animals from poachers in Mexico's Yucatan peninsula and then shipping them overseas after bringing them across the border in San Diego.

According to court records, in the recent Washington case, Namkoong bought Puget Sound sea cucum-

bers from both tribal and nontribal fishers over three seasons.

Sea cucumber harvests are regulated by both Washington state and tribal authorities and are tracked by fish tickets signed by both the fisher and the purchaser.

As part of his plea, Namkoong said he falsified fish tickets over three seasons and frequently paid fishers in cash so there would be no financial record of the total amount of sea cucumbers taken.

Those actions are a violation of the Lacey Act, a federal law that prohibits illegal trafficking in wildlife, fish and plants. □



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# Gassy cows are bad for the planet; could seaweed diet help?

By PATRICK WHITTLE

Associated Press

The smelly reality is that cows will always pass gas. But if farmers had more access to seaweed, cow flatulence might just stink a little less for the planet.

That's the thesis of a New England-based aquaculture company which is launching a drive to become the worldwide leader in an emerging effort to thwart climate change by feeding seaweed to cows. The concept of reducing livestock emissions by using seaweed as feed is the subject of ongoing scientific research, and early results are promising. University of California researchers have found that cows that eat seaweed appear to emit less methane, a greenhouse gas that contributes to global warming, when they belch and pass gas.

But one of the big challenges to implementing the seaweed solution is getting enough of the stuff to farmers, and the kind of seaweed that has shown results in cows isn't commercially farmed.

Enter Australis Aquaculture of Greenfield, Massachu-



In this Sept. 27, 2018, photo provided by Green Grazing, Australis Aquaculture employee Khanh Huynh checks on seaweed cultures, near Ninh Hai, Vietnam.

setts, which is in the midst of research at facilities in Vietnam and Portugal that is part of its push to become the first farm to produce the seaweed at commercial scale. The company calls the effort "Greener Grazing" and it expects to be operating at commer-

cial scale in two years, said Josh Goldman, the company's chief executive officer.

"If you could feed all the cows this seaweed, it would be the equivalent of taking all these cars off the road," Goldman said. "Greener Grazing's mission

is to cultivate this, and accelerate scaling of this kind of seaweed."

The type of algae in question is a red seaweed called *Asparagopsis*, and it grows wild in many parts of the world. Researchers from the University of California, Davis, found ear-

lier this year that methane emissions were reduced by 24 to 58 percent in a dozen cows that ate one variety of the seaweed, depending on dose.

The seaweed constituted only a small percentage of the cows' food, but researchers found that the dent it could make in emissions would be significant if it were available to farmers. The methane from cow's burps makes up 25 percent of methane emissions in the U.S., according to the university. The seaweed interrupts the bacterial process of producing methane in their guts, Goldman said.

Challenges remain, said Ermias Kebreab, a professor of animal science at UC Davis. The seaweed needs more tests to determine if it would impact meat and milk quality from the animals. The challenge of producing enough of the seaweed is staggering, leading Goldman to call it an "aquatic moonshot." He estimated that the amount of seaweed needed to reach every cattle operation would be greater than the amount presently farmed in the world. □

Associated Press

# Risk of Ebola's spread from Congo now 'very high,' WHO says



In this Sunday, Sept 9, 2018 file photo, health workers walk with a boy suspected of having the Ebola virus at an Ebola treatment centre in Beni, Eastern Congo.

Associated Press

By CARA ANNA

Associated Press

**JOHANNESBURG (AP)** — The risk of the deadly Ebola virus spreading from Congo is now "very high" after two confirmed cases were discovered near the Uganda border, the World Health Organization says.

The outbreak of the hemorrhagic fever in northeastern Congo is now larger than the previous one in the northwest and more complicated to contain because of a dense, highly mobile population and a rebel threat so serious that some health workers say they're operating in a war zone.

A deadly attack in Beni, the heart of Ebola containment efforts, forced the work to be suspended for two days earlier in the week.

That led the WHO's emer-

gencies chief, Peter Salama, to warn that insecurity, public defiance about vaccinations and politicians fanning fears ahead of elections in December could create a "perfect storm" leading the outbreak to spread.

As of Friday the outbreak had 124 confirmed Ebola cases, including 71 deaths. The previous outbreak in Congo's Equateur province, declared over just a week before the current one was announced, had 54 confirmed cases, including 33 deaths.

This is the first time an Ebola outbreak has occurred in this part of Congo, affecting the provinces of North Kivu and Ituri. Health workers have had to combat various rumors and fears about the disease, which spreads via the body fluids

of those infected, including the dead.

Some patients have left health facilities to seek alternative care, WHO said in a statement on Thursday. One infected person moved into a "red zone" where security is poor and carrying out Ebola response efforts is "extremely difficult, if not impossible." The virus moved near the Uganda border after a woman who had participated in burials of Ebola victims refused a vaccination in Beni and disappeared, local officials have said.

She died on Sept. 20 at a hospital in Tshomia on Lake Albert, which separates the countries.

The second confirmed Ebola case in Tshomia was the woman's partner, WHO said. □

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# New Orleans gallery acquires Lincoln opera glasses

By KEVIN MCGILL

Associated Press

**NEW ORLEANS (AP)** — It's not the gilt-detailed craftsmanship or the age of the small, brass, black-enamelled binoculars that might fetch a French Quarter antique gallery's asking price of \$795,000. It's their history: Abraham Lincoln is believed to have used them to get a better view of the stage at Ford's Theatre on the night he was assassinated.

M.S. Rau Antiques recently acquired the binoculars, known as opera glasses, from a seller who has remained anonymous. Previous owners have included the Forbes family of publishing fame — the magazine reportedly paid \$24,000 for them in 1979. Others include generations of descendants of Capt. James McCamly, a military officer believed to have picked the opera glasses up from



This photo shows a set of small binoculars believed to have been carried by President Abraham Lincoln on the night he was assassinated at Ford's Theatre, Thursday, Sept. 27, 2018 in New Orleans.

Associated Press

the street after they fell from Lincoln's near-lifeless body (it's unclear if they were in the president's hands or entangled in his clothing) as he was carried out of the theater on the night of April 14, 1865.

"We deal in history and we

deal in great pieces and this is one of the most exciting pieces we've ever owned," Bill Rau, the third-generation owner of the century-old family business on Royal Street, said Thursday.

Rau said he had been con-

tacted roughly two weeks earlier by the previous owner, who said he had paid \$424,000 for the opera glasses at Christie's auction house in 2002. He was interested in selling. "He's now in his 80s and he's suffered some health issues and that's why he called us," Rau said.

The story behind the artifact: After Lincoln was shot, McCamly was among those helping move the mortally wounded president from the theater to a building across the street. Something fell from Lincoln's body and McCamly picked it up.

He found the binoculars in his pocket the next day. It's unclear whether he tried to return them amid the turmoil following the president's death. They were handed down within the family from generation to generation.

Documents attesting to

their authenticity include a 1968 letter from a National Park Service chief curator to McCamly's great-great-grandson, who was seeking to verify family lore. It said the opera glasses "precisely fit" a case picked up in Lincoln's box the night he was shot.

There have been skeptics. Another park service curator told The Washington Post in 2011 that she doubted the opera glasses would still have been on Lincoln's person as he was carried across the street and that the case in which they fit may have been Mary Todd Lincoln's. But past buyers have been convinced of the artifact's authenticity, as is Rau, who pointed to a tiny dent in one eyepiece as evidence lending credibility to the McCamly family story. (The Christie's website description of the glasses notes a small crack in one lens "as if dropped.") □

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# Haddish and Hart lead 'Night School' to No. 1 with \$28M

By JAKE COYLE

Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — For the first time in more than two years, a straight-up comedy is No. 1 at the box office. Kevin Hart and Tiffany Haddish's "Night School" debuted with \$28 million in ticket sales, according to estimates Sunday.

The race for the weekend top spot was, in the end, a laughter. Warner Bros.' animated release "Smallfoot," which cost about \$80 million to make, trailed in second with \$23 million.

Not since Melissa McCarthy's "The Boss" topped the box office in April 2016 has a comedy that didn't mix other genre elements been No. 1.

The romantic comedy "Crazy Rich Asians" was a huge success, leading the box office for four straight weeks, and Tyler Perry's two horror-comedies — "Boo! A Madea Halloween" and its sequel — both opened at the top.

But big-screen comedy has been in a tailspin for years. It took two of comedy's biggest names teaming up



This image released by Universal Pictures shows Kevin Hart, from left, Tiffany Haddish and Taran Killam in a scene from the film, "Night School."

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to push Universal's "Night School" to the year's best comedy opening.

"We've been very consistent in this genre," said Jim Orr, distribution chief for Universal. "When you get in business with people like Kevin Hart and Tiffany Haddish who are just on fire, and then really extraordinary filmmakers like (producer) Will Packer, that's how you get good results." More than most studios, Universal has stuck by

comedy. This year, it also released the prom-night farce "Blockers" (\$60.1 million worldwide on a \$21 million budget) and the comic musical "Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again" (\$390.1 million worldwide on a \$75 million budget).

It's the second straight No. 1 for Universal, which last week led ticket sales with the Amblin Entertainment-produced fantasy "The House With a Clock in Its Walls." It earned \$12.5 mil-

lion in its second weekend. "We have a very diverse approach to our slate," Orr said. "We're not just superhero movies or anything else like that. When you see these kinds of results, you know that that's the right thing to do, that it pays off." Frights not laughs have become the hotter attraction at the movies, but for one weekend at least, horror and comedy switched roles. Lionsgate's Halloween-themed "Hell Fest" de-

buted weekly with \$5.1 million.

"Over the last few years, comedy has just taken a real roller coaster ride with audiences either not locking into the premise or not vibing with the stars," said Paul Dergarabedian, senior media analyst at ComScore. "The quality, or at least the perceived quality of many of the movies, especially the R-rated comedies, has been so bad that time after time people got disenchanted by the genre."

"Night School," in which Hart plays a man who returns to his high school to get his GED certificate (Haddish plays his teacher), fared poorly with critics, earning a 30 percent "fresh" rating on Rotten Tomatoes. But the draw of Hart and Haddish was enough to supersede bad reviews. This is Hart's 11th No. 1 film.

It also helped that "Night School" reteamed Haddish with director Malcolm D. Lee. Their "Girls' Trip" was 2017's biggest comedy hit, making \$140.4 million globally. □

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**NIGHT SCHOOL** PG-13  
KEVIN HART | TIFFANY HADDISH  
MON/THU 4:35 | 7:00 | 9:25  
FRI 4:35 | 7:00 | 9:25 | 11:50  
SAT 2:10 | 4:35 | 7:00 | 9:25 | 11:50  
SUN 2:10 | 4:35 | 7:00 | 9:25

**SMALLFOOT** PG  
WITH SPANISH SUBTITLES  
MON/THU 4:30 | 6:40 | 8:50  
FRI 4:30 | 6:40 | 8:50 | 11:00  
SAT 2:20 | 4:30 | 6:40 | 8:50 | 11:00  
SUN 2:20 | 4:30 | 6:40 | 8:50

**PREDATOR** R  
BOYD HOLBROOK | TREYANTE RHODES  
MON/FRI 4:35 | 7:15 | 9:35  
SAT/SUN 2:35 | 4:35 | 7:15 | 9:35

**THE NUN** R  
DEMIÁN BICHIIR | TAISSA FARMIGA  
MON/THU & SUN 7:20 | 9:35  
FRI/SAT 7:20 | 9:35 | 11:50

**SMALLFOOT** PG  
CHANNING TATUM | JAMES CORDEN  
MON/THU 5:35 | 8:00  
FRI 5:35 | 8:00 | 10:25  
SAT 3:10 | 5:35 | 8:00 | 10:25  
SUN 3:10 | 5:35 | 8:00 | 10:25

**FINAL SCORE** R  
DAVE BAUTISTA | PIERCE BROSNAN  
MON/THU 4:50 | 7:10 | 9:30  
FRI 4:50 | 7:10 | 9:30 | 11:50  
SAT 2:30 | 4:50 | 7:10 | 9:30 | 11:50  
SUN 2:30 | 4:50 | 7:10 | 9:30

**THE HOUSE WITH A CLOCK IN ITS WALLS** PG  
JACK BLACK | CATE BLANCHETT  
MON/THU & SUN 4:35 | 6:55 | 9:15  
FRI/SAT 4:35 | 6:55 | 9:15 | 11:35

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## Rod Stewart nostalgic on varied 'Blood Red Roses'



This cover image released by Republic Records shows "Blood Red Roses," a release by Rod Stewart.

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By PABLO GORONDI

Associated Press

Rod Stewart, "Blood Red Roses" (Republic Records) Nostalgia has been a focal feature of Rod Stewart's songwriting even as far back as 1971's "Maggie May," and some of the best

tunes on "Blood Red Roses," his 30th studio album, explore that same vein.

"Farewell" pays tribute to a friend through a poignant melody and reminisces about their shared London youth.

"Honey Gold" features sweeping strings, an electric guitar echoing the one on "Tonight's the Night" and one of his clearest vocals on the record as Stewart honors an unidentified "woman of the world" who's been around apparently since his time in The Faces. Most of the tracks were written by Sir Roderick himself and long-time associate Kevin Savigar, but Stewart also gives a touching performance on "Grace," a song by Frank and Sean O'Meara and a tragic, true-life story about the

briefest of marriages during the 1916 Irish insurrection against British rule.

"Didn't I," about parents struggling to cope with their daughter's addiction; the soulful disco of "Give Me Love;" the lively, Motown-inspired "Rest of My Life;" and "Look in Her Eyes," with sweet backing vocals from Bridget Cady, also hit the spot, but the tender "Julia," another nostalgic chapter, is marred by distracting white-noise-like guitar and blues classic "Rollin' & Tumblin'" struggles to turn on square wheels. A foray into EDM and the Stones-like "Vegas Shuffle" grate.

Stewart's classic rasp is slightly silkier and still effective but "Blood Red Roses," actually a whaling term, is a bit all over the flower shop. □



# Marty Balin, founder of Jefferson Airplane, dies at 76

By HILLEL ITALIE

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Marty Balin, a patron of the 1960s "San Francisco Sound" both as founder and lead singer of the Jefferson Airplane and co-owner of the club where the Airplane and other bands performed, has died. He was 76.

Balin died Thursday in Tampa, Florida, on the way to the hospital, spokesman Ryan Romanesko said. The cause of death was not immediately available.

Balin, who underwent emergency heart surgery in 2016, sued a New York hospital earlier this year, saying a tracheotomy he had at the time paralyzed a vocal cord and caused other damage.

"We knew he had some health problems, but he really didn't talk about it at all and we never pressed him," fellow Jefferson Airplane founding member Jorma Kaukonen said following a show with his band Hot Tuna on Friday night in Massachusetts. "His passing to me at least was sudden and unexpected."

"He was certainly one of the greatest voices of my time," Kaukonen continued. "His intense commitment to song and music, it just never abated."

The dark-eyed, baby-faced Balin was an ex-folk musician who formed the Airplane in 1965 and within two years was at the heart of a nationwide wave that briefly rivaled the Beatles' influence and even helped inspire the Beatles' "Sgt. Pepper" album.

The Airplane was the breakout act among such San Francisco-based artists as the Grateful Dead and Janis Joplin, many of whom played early shows at the Matrix, a ballroom Balin helped run and for which the Airplane served as house band.

The San Francisco Sound was a psychedelic blend of blues, folk, rock and jazz, and the musical expression of the emerging hippie lifestyle.

Balin himself was known for his yearning tenor on the ballads "Today" and "It's No Secret," and on the politi-



In this Feb. 15, 2016 file photo, Marty Balin arrives at the 58th annual Grammy Awards at the Staples Center in Los Angeles.

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cal anthem "Volunteers." In the mid-1970s, when the Airplane regrouped as the more mainstream Jefferson Starship, Balin sang lead on such hits as "Miracles" (which he co-wrote), "With Your Love" and "Count On Me." He later had solo success with "Hearts" and "Atlanta Lady."

The Airplane was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1996, but Balin would long have mixed feelings. Pride in the band's achievements was shadowed by its eventual breakup and by Balin's acknowledged jealousy of Grace Slick, the other lead vocalist. Slick joined the group in the fall of 1966, soon before the Airplane recorded its landmark second album, "Surrealistic Pillow."

One of rock's most charismatic singers and performers, she displaced Balin as the perceived leader, on stage and on the Airplane's best known songs, "Somebody to Love" and "White Rabbit."

"Every time I did something, it was always Grace Slick and the Airplane and Grace Slick and the Starship," he told Relix magazine in 1993. "Even if it was my voice. I've even done songs of mine on my own and people come up to me and say, 'I'm surprised you do that song. I always

thought it was Grace's.' For a while that hurt my feelings, but there's nothing I can do about it."

Kaukonen said Friday that Balin had himself to blame at least partly for that, adding the singer never liked to draw attention to himself.

"He was a good guy, he was a friendly guy, he just wasn't openly gregarious," Kaukonen said. He recalled that Balin always carried himself with "quiet dignity" while other members of the band could be "loud-mouths."

Balin was married twice, most recently to Susan Joy Finkelstein, and had three children.

He had been in show business well before the Airplane. Born Martin Jerel Buchwald in Cincinnati, he ended up in the Bay Area as his father, a Jewish immigrant from Eastern Europe, struggled to find work.

Marty Balin was a brooding, artistic child who dropped out of San Francisco State University to pursue a career in music. He recorded a few singles with some of Phil Spector's session musicians in the early '60s before joining the folk group the Town Criers. He also changed his last name to Balin.

Like many of his peers, Balin switched to electronic music after seeing the Bea-

ties' 1964 movie "A Hard Day's Night." Through the club scene, he brought in songwriter-guitarist-vocalist Paul Kantner, singer Signe Anderson (whom Slick replaced), guitarist Kaukonen, bassist Jack Cassidy and drummer Skip Spence, a novice given the job by Balin because he supposedly looked like a rock star. (Spence would leave after the first album and was replaced by Spencer Dryden). The name Jefferson Airplane, suggested by Kaukonen, was based in part on bluesman Blind Lemon Jefferson.

Meanwhile, Balin and a handful of business partners converted a Fillmore Street pizza place into the Matrix, which opened in August 1965. A year later, the group signed with RCA Records and released the folk-rock album "The Jefferson Airplane Takes Off," for which Balin wrote or co-wrote eight songs. The Airplane, attuned early on to the counterculture, turned out buttons and bumper stickers reading THE JEFFERSON AIRPLANE LOVES YOU. "I remember it was really pretty and beautiful for a year or two," Balin told Relix magazine in 1993. "And then Time magazine came out and they were interviewing me. I told the guy, 'It's great that you're publi-

cizing this beautiful-feeling scene out here,'" and he looked me right in the eye and said, 'Fastest way to kill it.'"

Starting with "Surrealistic Pillow," a soundtrack for many during the so-called Summer of Love of 1967, the group's music became more experimental. By such albums as "Blows Against the Empire" and "After Bathing at Baxter's," Kantner was the principal songwriter (and eventually Slick's boyfriend) and Balin found himself out of place with his own band and with the rock scene overall.

He shunned hard drugs and preferred tight pop songs to long jams. The classic film "Gimme Shelter," centered on the ill-fated Altamont concert from 1969, showed Balin getting knocked out on stage by the Hell's Angels. By the early '70s, he had left the Airplane.

"It was a period of cocaine then — everybody took cocaine. And people I would work with, they would yell at you and it got intense. The Airplane was on that kind of trip," he told songwritersuniverse.com in 2018. In recent years, he released such albums as "The Greatest Love" and "Good Memories," a retrospective of his Airplane/Starship songs. He also reunited on occasion with old bandmates, whether appearing in concert with Casady and Kaukonen and their group Hot Tuna, or bringing Signe Anderson on stage to perform the Airplane's first single, "It's No Secret."

And he liked returning to his folk roots, doing club performances as part of an acoustic trio.

"The whole night is me — and if you dig it, cool," he told Relix in 2016. "And I'm having fun. I move wherever I want, from one song I want to another. There aren't any egos and (we are free from) people's problems — waiting for somebody to light a cigarette, have a drink or change guitars and organize their music. Let's get to the music, man. That's what I'm doing — just flying along." □



# When gambling goes haywire, you're unlikely to catch a break

By **WAYNE PARRY**  
Associated Press

**ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP)**

— When people gamble, things sometimes go wrong. Roulette balls glance off the wheel onto the table. Slot machines jam. Online betting apps freeze. Dice go flying off the felt. And sometimes, the cards aren't shuffled correctly, or at all. Bettors have even lost payouts when the jockey fell off a winning horse before the finish line.

The recent decision by online gambling company FanDuel to pay an \$82,000 prize its computers wrongly promised a bettor on a football game was the exception to the time-honored rule in the gambling industry: When things go wrong, it almost always voids the bet.

Kip Levin, FanDuel's chief operating officer, said that in sports betting, there are more than 200 ways to place a bet on a typical game, most of which are calculated at lightning speed. "You're very reliant on technology," he said. "It's like when a slot machine malfunctions. Things happen." They happened when Anthony Prince of Newark, New Jersey, placed a bet in the waning moments of a Sept. 16 football game between the Denver Broncos and the Oakland Raiders. During an 18-second malfunction, FanDuel's computers gave a dozen bettors exorbitantly inflated odds on the Broncos kicking a game-



This Sept 27, 2018, photo shows a sign affixed to the surface of a slot machine warning gamblers that any malfunction of the machine voids that play and cancels any jackpots that might have been won.

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winning field goal. Instead of a few dollars, Prince was handed a bet slip promising him \$82,000 on a \$110 bet. Denver made the kick and won the game, and Prince went to the window at FanDuel's New Jersey sports book to collect — only to be told that the system had made an obvious error, and that FanDuel was not obligated to honor the promised payout. Industry officials and regulators say they do not keep

statistics on how often bets are voided due to errors. But they do have a term for some of the bigger screw-ups: "palps," short for palpable errors. While the standard for determining what is a palpable error is somewhat subjective and almost always determined by the bookmaker, it was clearly in play here: a small bet on a high-probability field goal should not be rewarded with \$82,000.

But FanDuel relented after a few days and agreed to pay Prince — and 11 others who also got mistakenly inflated odds on the game — the full amounts that were erroneously promised. Others were not as fortunate. A woman is suing Resorts World casino in New York City after a nearly \$43 million slot machine jackpot was determined to be a malfunction, and was voided in 2016. (They offered her a free steak dinner.)

A video poker player in Canada was twice erroneously told he had won \$1 million in 2009, but the top prize on the machine at

Ottawa's Rideau Carleton Raceway was only \$40,000. He got \$4,000 and \$1,000 instead.

John Bitante of Neptune, New Jersey, was playing online live dealer roulette with the Golden Nugget in Atlantic City recently.

"I was playing the same numbers every spin, \$5 per number," he said. "I got an error that said something to the effect of 'unable to continue' and it wiped my bets off the screen. Of

course the girl spins the ball and hits one of my numbers, costing me \$180."

Linda Schwoerer Tria of Butler, New Jersey, was betting on a Mohegan Sun app this year when it froze. She complained, only to be told — correctly — that a malfunction voids the bet. "I felt like I was ripped off," she said. "Finally got the bonus wheels on Wheel of Fortune and it froze. I had my heart set on a big win and ... nothing."

The Golden Nugget had its own high-profile malfunction in 2012 when cards it bought from a manufacturer that were supposed to be pre-shuffled had not been, allowing 14 mini-baccarat players to win \$1.5 million when they realized the cards were coming out of the chute in a predictable pattern.

The casino won at trial, but to prevent an appeal, it settled with them for pennies on the dollar, said Steve Scheinthal, executive vice president and general counsel of the casino's parent company, Houston-based Landry's Inc.

"Everyone who comes into a casino wants to take nothing and turn it into a million dollars," he said. "When it happens, and they're told it was a malfunction, and they're not really millionaires, I feel for the customers, but at the end of the day, it's a business. It's supposed to be fair not only for the customer, but for the gaming operator, as well." □



This April 17, 2015, photo shows a workman adjusting the inside of a slot machine at the Tropicana Casino and Resort in Atlantic City, N.J.

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In this July 14, 2018, photo gamblers place bets on sports events at the FanDuel sports book at the Meadowlands Race-track in East Rutherford N.J.

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